Archdiocesan Restructuring Workbook

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish

Westland

Planning Area 6

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About the Workbook

There are three sections of this workbook, each one equips priests and key parish leaders with essential data about:

1) The Archdiocese of Detroit
2) Your planning area
3) Your parish

This workbook serves as a planning resource to support thoughtful reflection on the current strengths and future opportunities for ministry and evangelization within each planning area.

Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known as we restructure the parishes
and ministries of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.
Help us hear your voice in the quiet of our own hearts,
in the wisdom of others and in the world around us.

We know you are with us in every step of the process.
Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Why Archdiocesan Restructuring?

Many parishes were built or grew in a time when Christian values and assumptions were the norm. Faith was inherited and the Church held cultural influence.

There is no doubt that the culture around us, both in the United States and locally in the Archdiocese of Detroit, has changed. The mission, however, has not; it has always been to “go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19)

Why Archdiocesan Restructuring?

I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-perseveration.

Evangelii Gaudium, 27

Why Archdiocesan Restructuring?

The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light, as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself.

Evangelii Gaudium, 27

Archdiocesan Restructuring Process

Why?

As we move forward on mission, we must first address the challenges of our changing culture, which include demographic and financial shifts, a decline in the practice of the faith, and fewer priests serving our archdiocese. These challenges have resulted in limited resources to serve, sustain, and grow the Church in Detroit.

How?

The Archdiocesan Restructuring process will examine the existing Families of Parishes structure, as well as the structure of the Curia, to discern how we can be structured and how our resources can be best aligned "for the evangelization of today's world rather than for [our] self-preservation" (Evangelii Gaudium, 27).

Archdiocesan Restructuring Challenges

Our Goal for Restructuring

Develop a new pastorate model authored by the Holy Spirit that establishes a vibrant Catholic presence in every area of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Vibrant Parishes

Gospel renewal in our parishes and other ministry efforts

Flourishing Priests

Priests flourishing in their ministry to parishes and the greater community

Mission Ready

Secure a vibrant future for the Church of Detroit

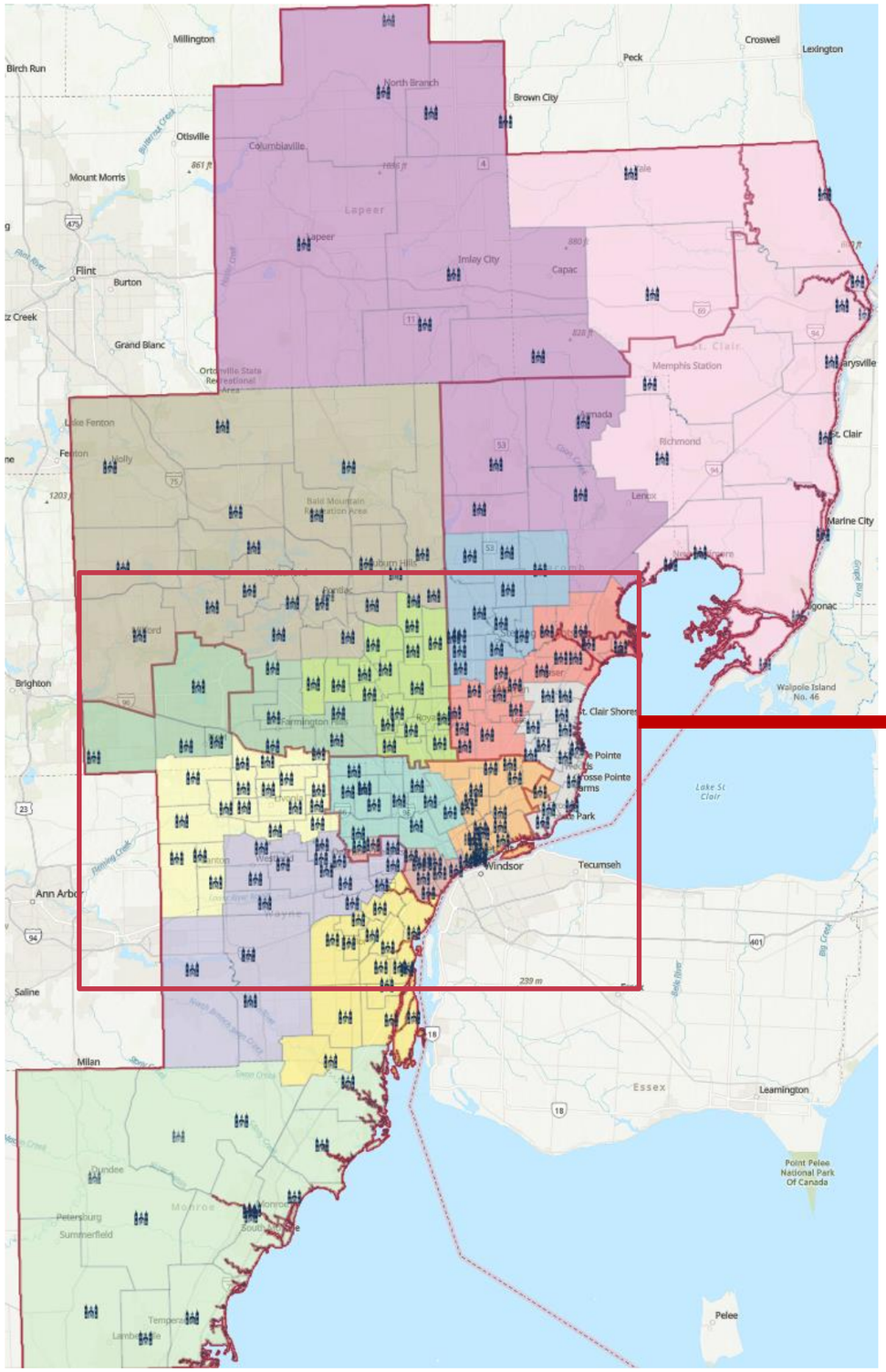
Section One

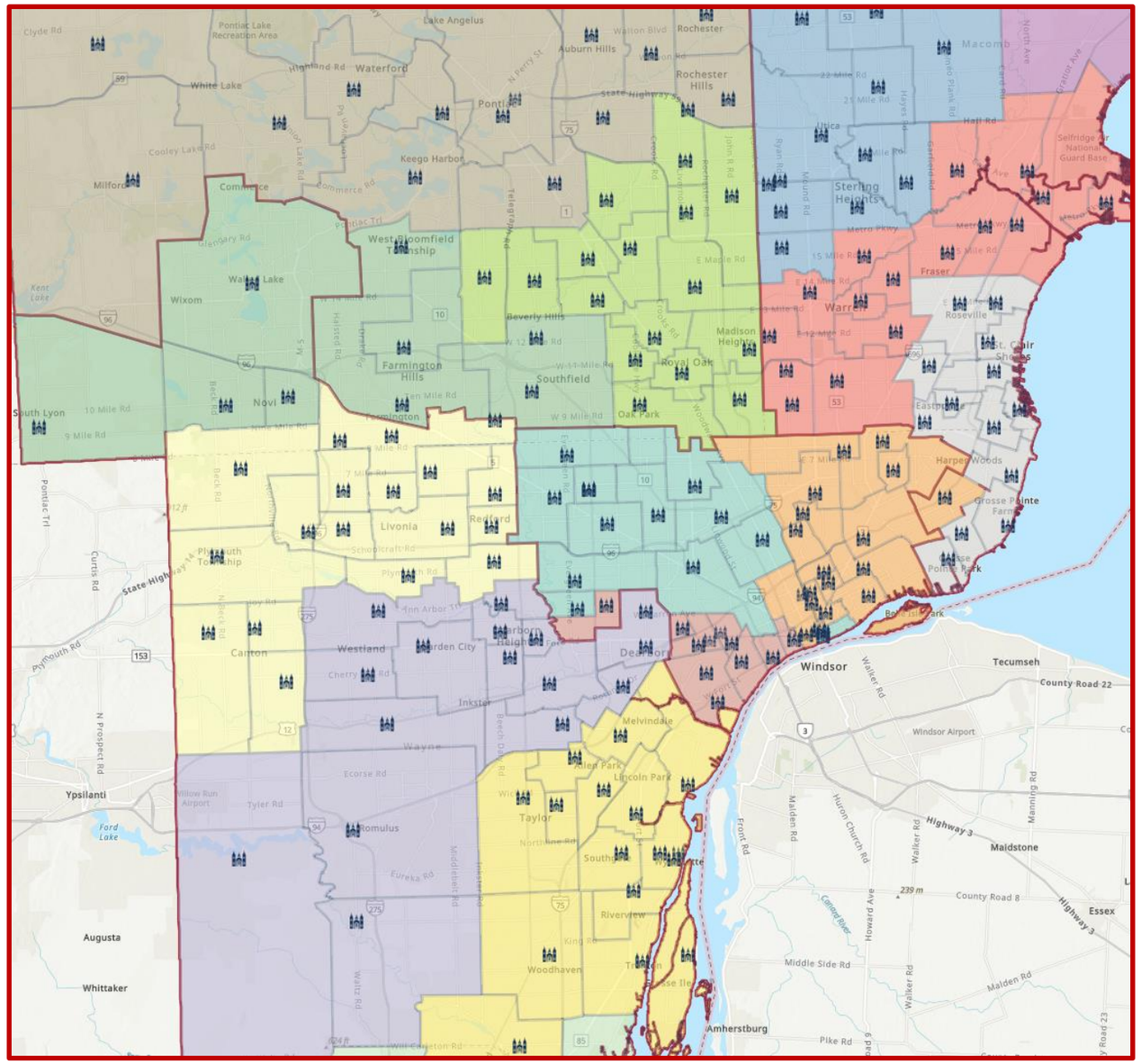
The Archdiocese of Detroit

About our Archdiocese

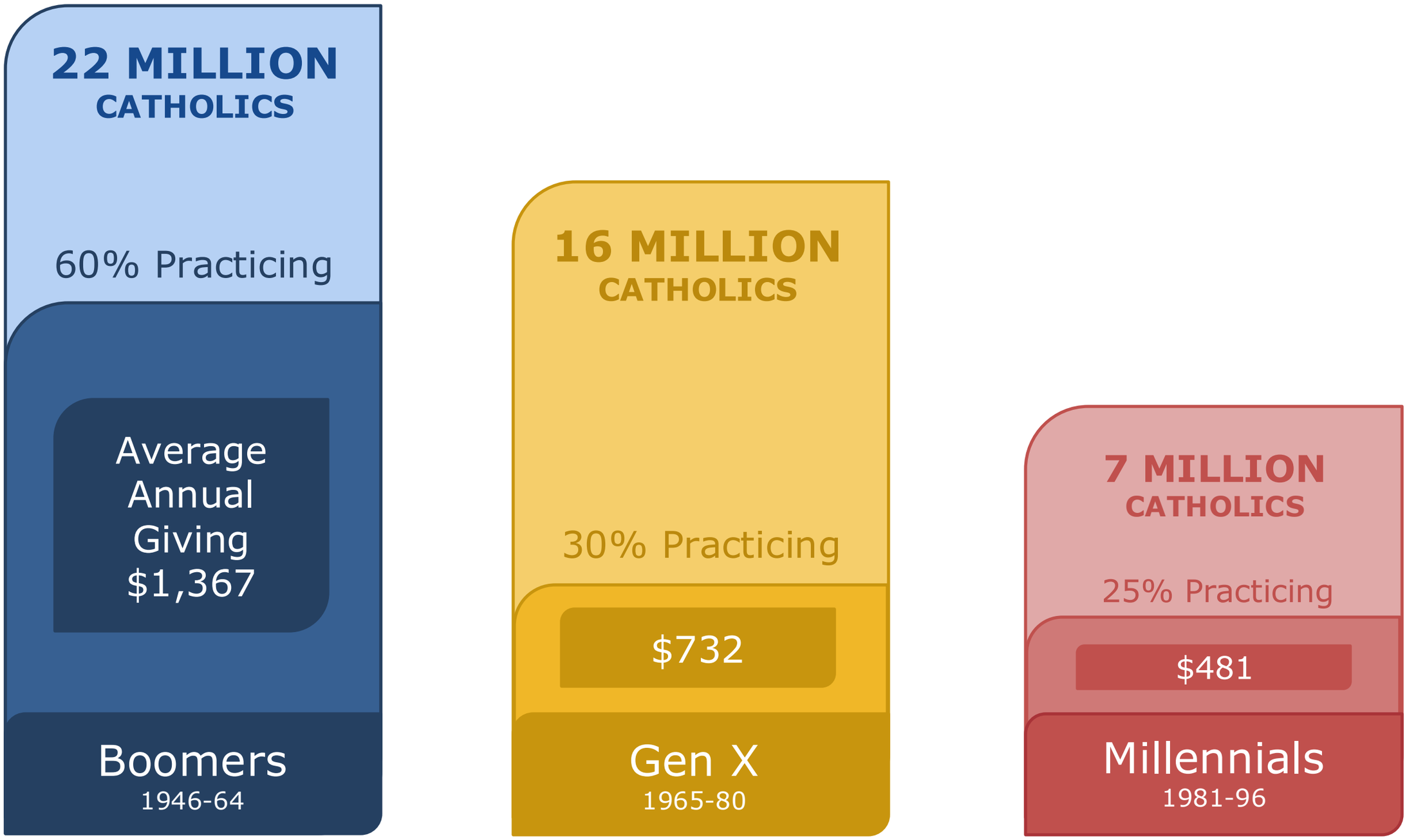
- The Archdiocese of Detroit is comprised of 209 parishes encompassing the City of Detroit and six surrounding counties – a large and diverse territory: urban, suburban and rural.
- Our local church has been declining for several decades as older Catholics move or die and there are insufficient number of young Catholics to take their place.
- This is best exemplified by the significant decline in the number of births and baptisms in our diocese.
- As our Catholic population has moved from the city to the near suburbs and from the near suburbs to the farther out suburbs, this has resulted in too few priests in large parishes and too many priests in small parishes.
- Our diocesan priests are aging and the number of priests to serve our Catholic population is declining.
- Over the past decade, Mass attendance has been on a steady decline. Despite a rebound from 2020 to 2024, Mass attendance remains 14.7% below pre-COVID levels.
- The current average rate of Mass attendance decline each year across the Archdiocese is 4%.

Our Territory for Evangelization



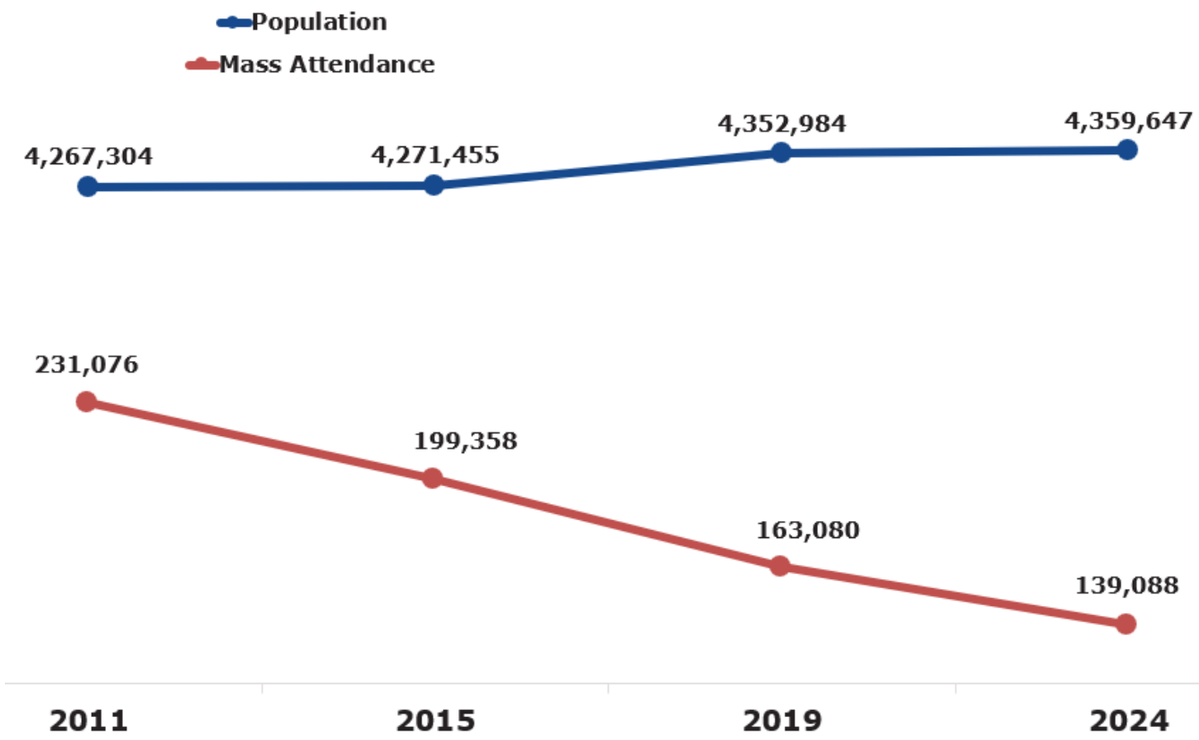


Nationally, Practice and Generosity are Declining with Each Generation



Source: Catholic Leadership Institute | CARA | Pew Research

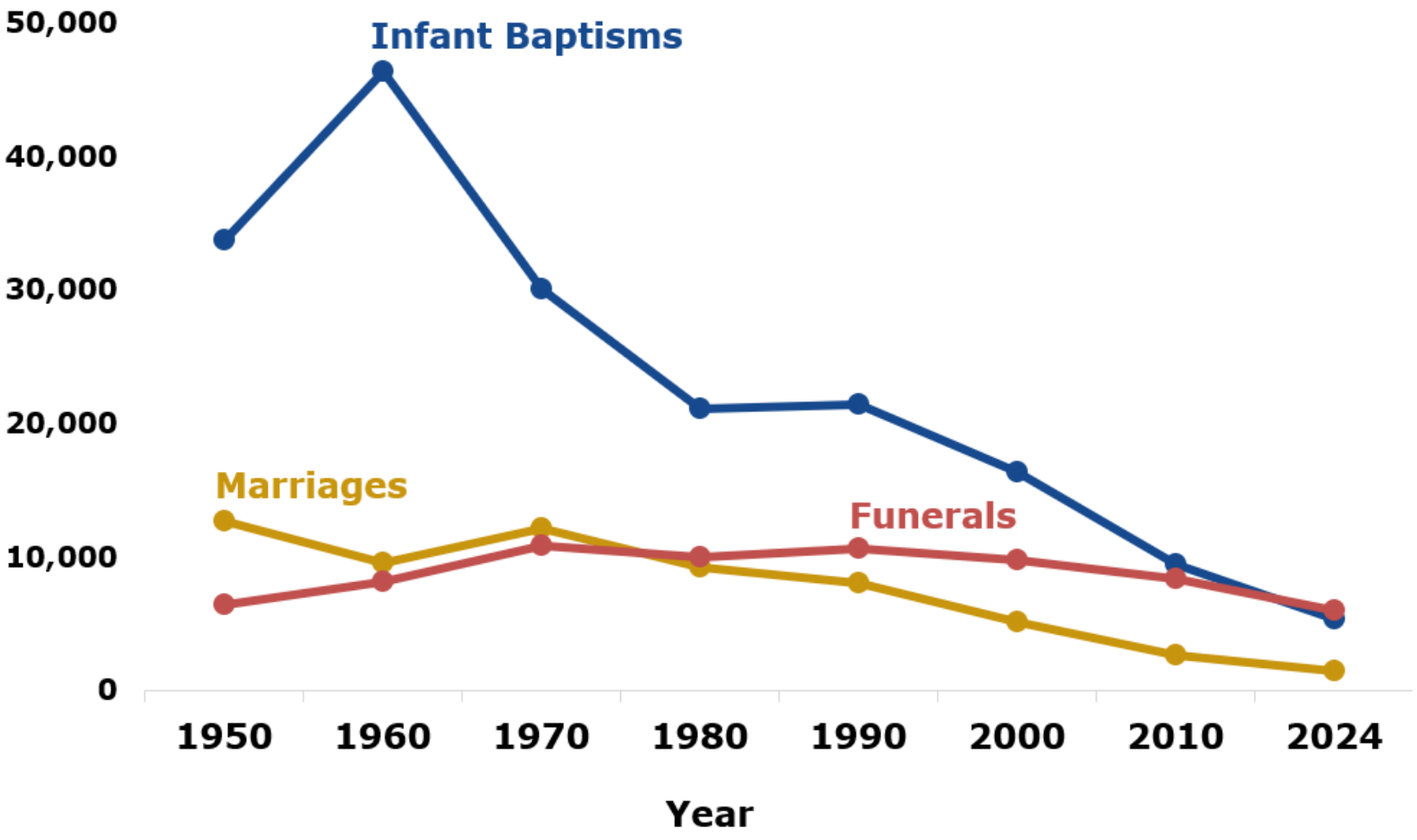
As Greater Detroit Population Grows, Regular Mass Attendance Continues to Decline



Population Source: Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency

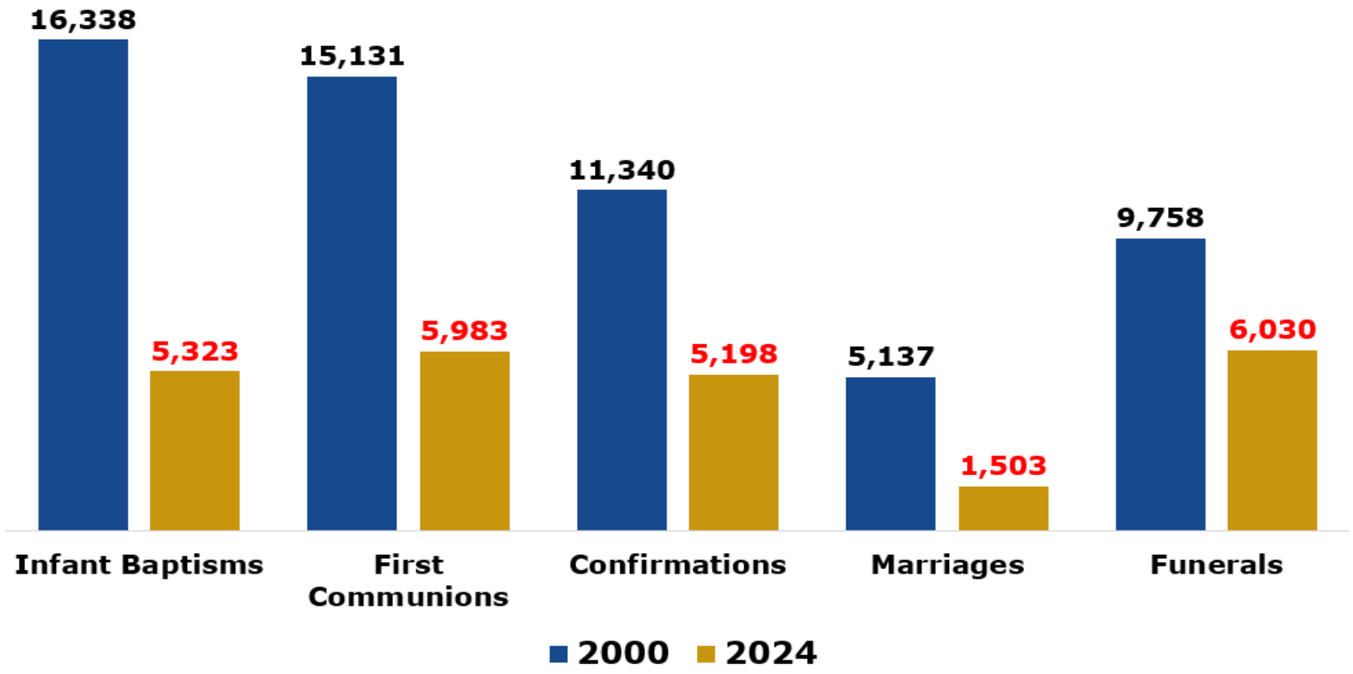
- **Mass attendance has declined by nearly 92,000 people since 2011, dropping from 231,076 to 139,088 by 2024 – a 40% decrease in just 13 years.**
- The decline is persistent across every period, not a one-time drop:
  - 2011 -> 2015: down 31,718 (-13.7%)
  - 2015 -> 2019: down 36,278 (-18.2%)
  - 2019 -> 2024: down 23,993 (-14.7%)
- On average, Mass attendance has fallen by about 4% per year, meaning roughly 1 in every 25 regular attendees is lost annually if the trend continues.
- At the current rate of decline, one-third of today's Mass-attending Catholics will no longer be attending within the next decade.
- In 2024, only 29% of pews were occupied across the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Our Church is Growing Older, Not Younger



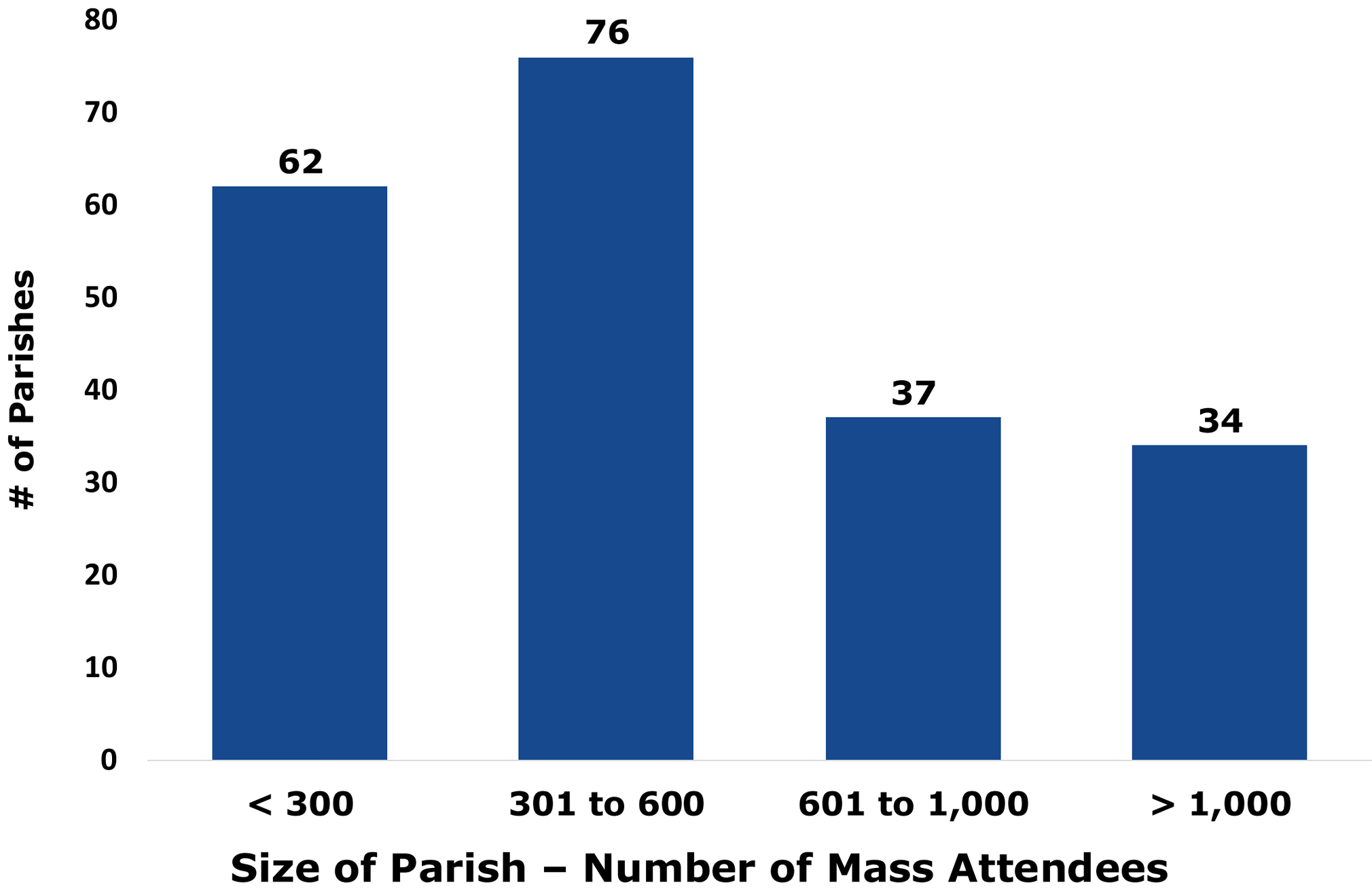
- Infant baptisms have declined the most dramatically—by roughly 60-70% from peak to present, showing a sharp and sustained drop after an early high point and signaling a major contraction in new families entering the Church sacramentally.
- Marriages have fallen by approximately 40-50% over the period shown, with a brief early increase followed by a steady, long-term decline, ending at their lowest level in the most recent year.
- Funerals have remained comparatively stable, fluctuating within roughly a 10-20% range, before tapering downward—indicating that overall sacramental life is increasingly weighted toward later stages of life rather than beginnings.

Funerals Now Exceed All Other Sacraments

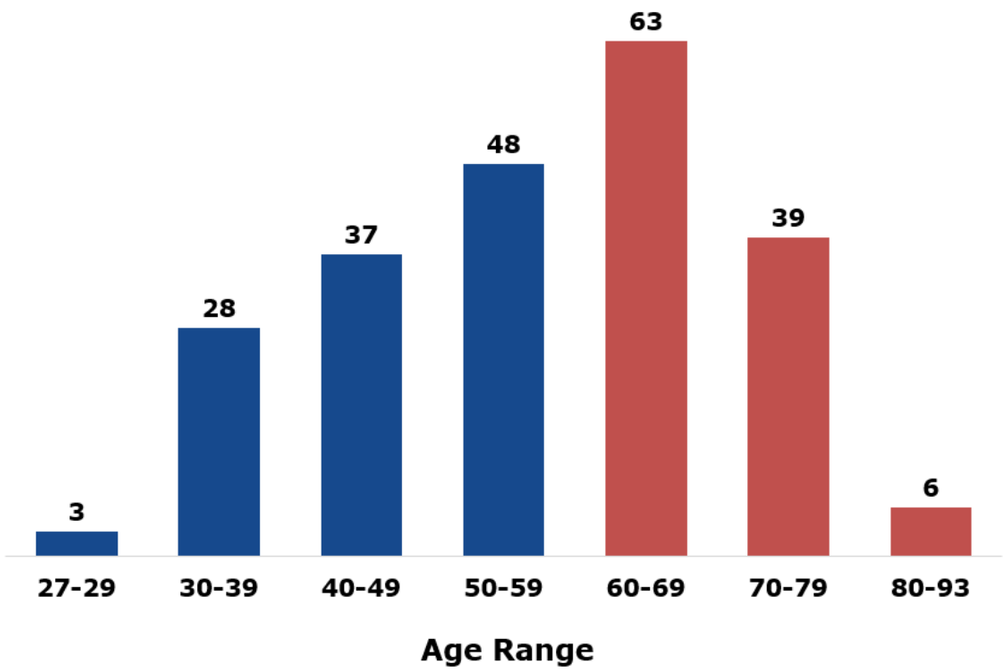


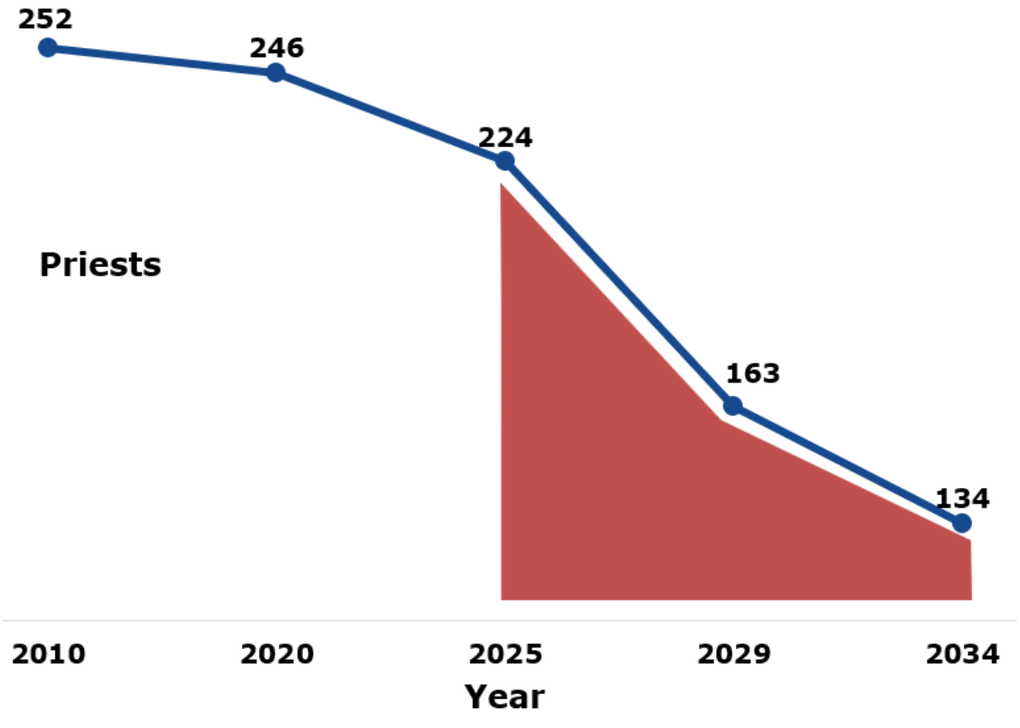
- Funerals now exceed every other sacrament at roughly 6,000 annually, surpassing baptisms, marriages, and confirmations individually.
- Baptisms and marriages remain at or below 5,000 per year, reinforcing earlier trends showing fewer people entering and forming within the Church.
- Sacramental life is increasingly concentrated at end-of-life, reflecting an aging Catholic population and a shrinking pipeline of new participants.

Today, 138 Parishes of 209 Have Under 600 Regular Mass Attendees



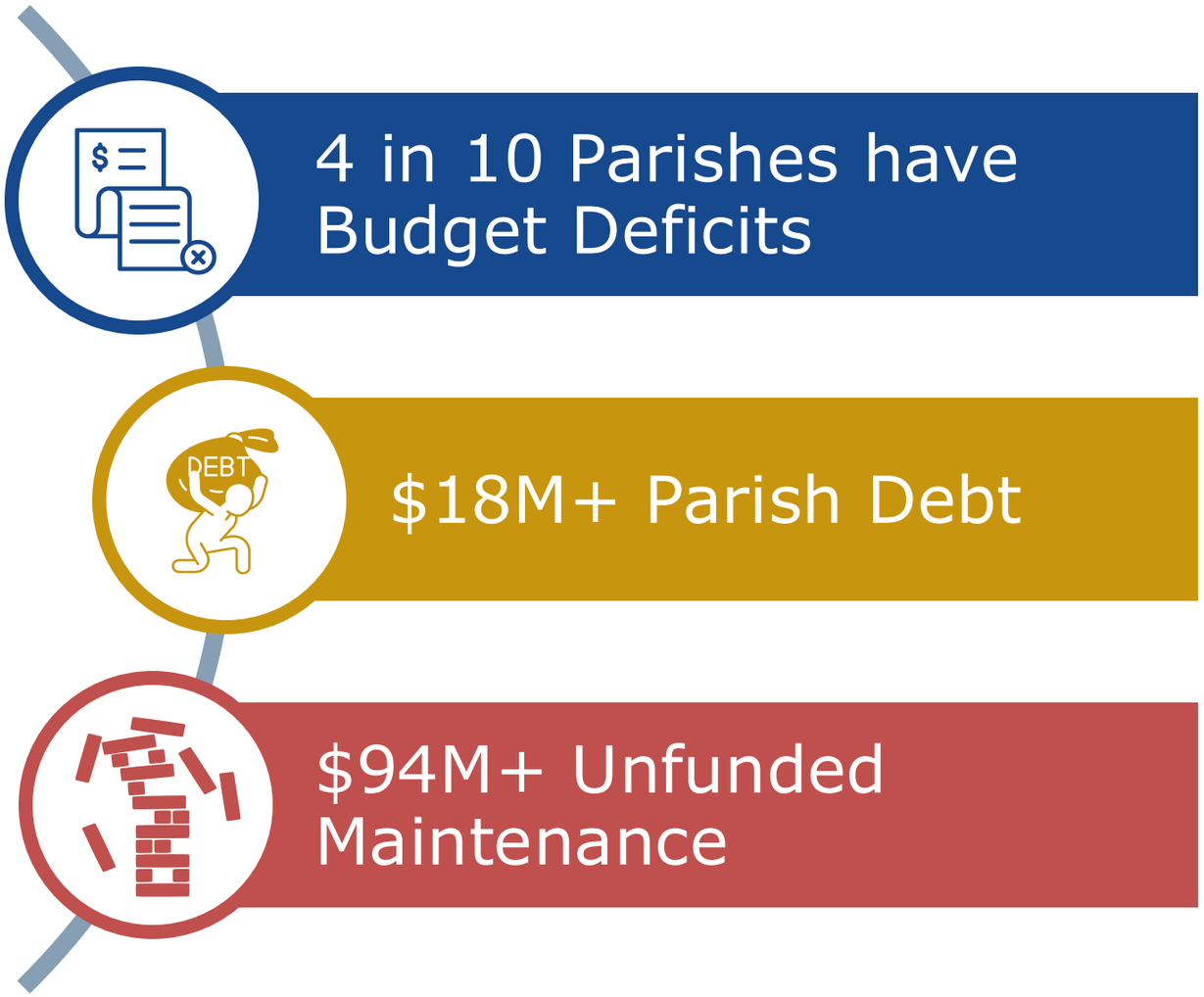
Projected Priest Supply Will Not Meet Demand





- Priests may retire from parish ministry at age 70 and must take senior status after age 80, which significantly reduces the future pool of available priests.
- The number of diocesan priests is projected to decline by roughly 25-30% over the next decade, while the diocese must continue to serve 209 parishes.
- As priests reach retirement age (70), projected supply falls below the total number of parishes, eliminating the feasibility of one priest per parish.
- The projected shortfall is equivalent to dozens of parish assignments, before accounting for parishes that require 2-3 priests.

Heavy Financial Burdens Limit Parish Freedom for Ministry and Evangelization



- With 4 in 10 parishes operating at a deficit, a growing share of parish leadership time and resources is focused on covering shortfalls rather than advancing pastoral mission.
- More than $18 million in parish debt and $94 million in unfunded maintenance are tying parish finances to buildings and past decisions instead of present evangelization and ministry.
- Financial strain increasingly directs parish energy toward sustaining facilities, limiting the capacity to invest in people, formation, and outreach central to the Church's mission.

Section Two

Planning Area 6

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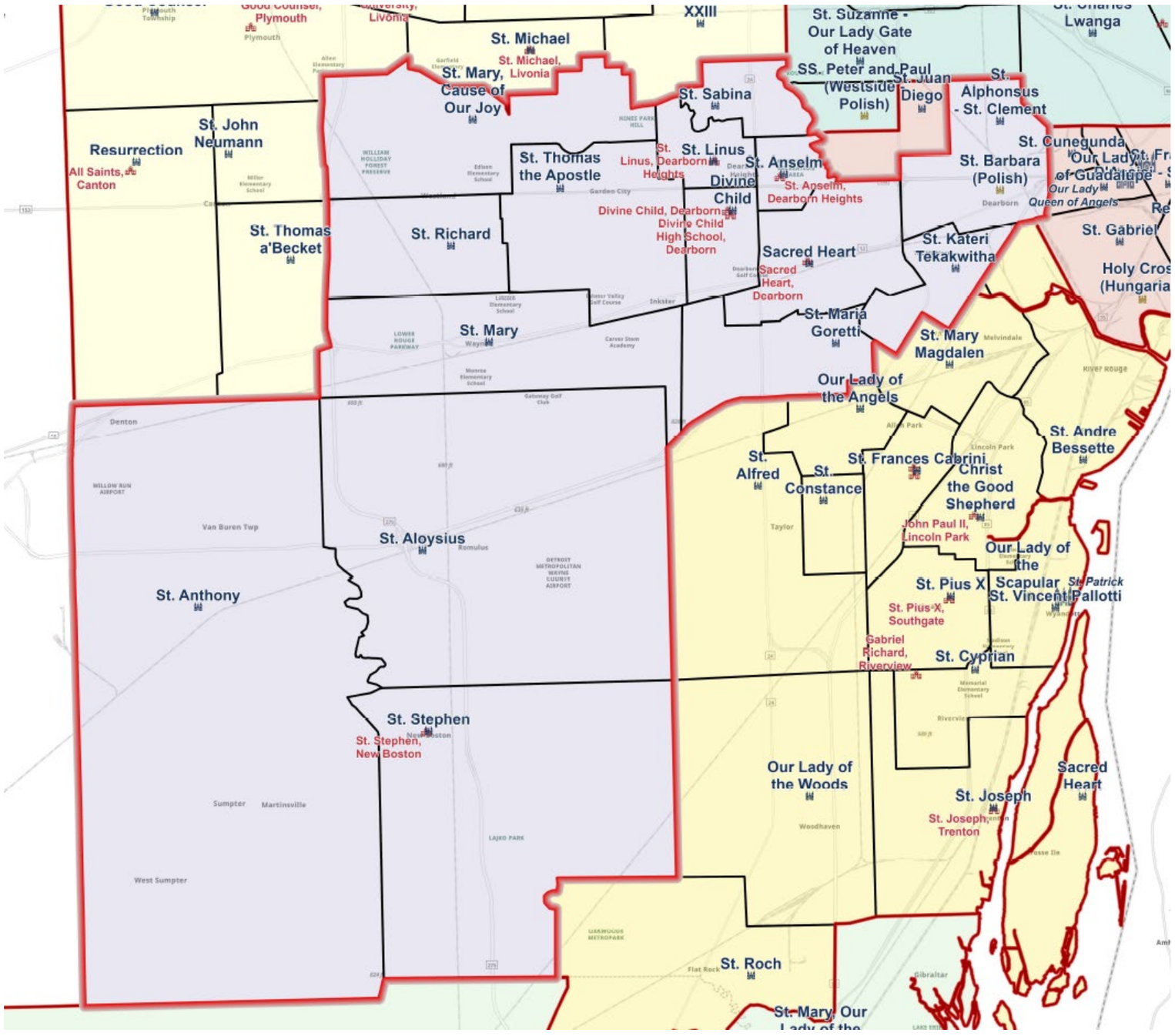

About Our Planning Area

- The planning area is located in the southern section of Wayne County. Its boundaries run north–south from Joy Road/Rouge River to Oakville Waltz Road and east–west from I-275 to Wyoming Road in the northern section and Rawsonville Road to Inkster Road in the southern section.

- This planning area falls within the South Region of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

- The area includes 15 territorial parishes and 1 personal parish with a total of 16 worship sites and 6 schools. It is currently served by 11 Archdiocesan priests and 5 Religious/Extern priests.

- The planning area spans roughly 15 miles north to south, about a 30-minute drive from end to end. Parishes and church buildings are clustered more closely in the suburban sections to the north, generally within 3 miles of each other. In the south, the area becomes more rural, but buildings remain within about six miles of one another.

Demographic Trends

- Total population has increased by 3% since the 2010 census.
- Registered Catholic households have decreased 50% since 2010.
- 2.4% of total households in the area are registered Catholic, which is lower than the archdiocesan average of 5%.
- Median age is 38.1 years (up 1 year since 2010).
- Median household income in the area is $63,268, which is lower than the archdiocesan average of $72,109.
- The area's racial makeup has become more diverse, with the diversity index rising from 44 to 56 (+12 points) since 2010.

US Census Data

Parish Name	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black/African American	Hispanic /Latino	Native American	Other Race	Two or More Races	White
Divine Child Parish	2.0%	16.6%	2.7%	0.0%	0.3%	4.1%	77.1%
Sacred Heart Parish	2.0%	3.7%	5.6%	0.2%	0.9%	6.0%	87.2%
St. Aloysius Parish	0.6%	44.1%	1.4%	0.1%	0.6%	8.0%	46.5%
St. Alphonsus - St. Clement Parish	1.7%	10.5%	0.9%	0.1%	0.4%	3.9%	83.4%
St. Anselm Parish	0.6%	10.7%	6.8%	0.1%	3.4%	2.3%	83.0%
St. Anthony Parish	2.0%	22.1%	4.4%	0.2%	1.0%	7.5%	67.3%
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish	6.7%	8.6%	5.9%	0.3%	0.7%	10.5%	73.3%
St. Linus Parish	1.8%	5.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.2%	2.8%	90.1%
St. Maria Goretti Parish	0.2%	13.3%	6.8%	0.2%	1.7%	7.9%	76.5%
St. Mary Parish	4.6%	35.6%	5.1%	0.8%	2.0%	7.7%	49.3%
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish	4.9%	22.3%	5.2%	0.4%	1.6%	7.4%	63.3%
St. Richard Parish	4.3%	11.1%	4.0%	0.3%	0.3%	7.3%	76.8%
St. Sabina Parish	0.8%	43.1%	1.3%	0.2%	1.0%	3.5%	51.5%
St. Stephen Parish	1.0%	4.9%	4.4%	0.2%	0.1%	7.2%	86.7%
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	0.8%	24.2%	4.7%	0.2%	0.9%	8.7%	65.1%

Source: ACS 2023 (5 Year Average)

US Census Data

Parish Name	Under Age 5	Age 5-19	Age 20-24	Age 25-34	Age 35-54	Age 55-64	Age 65+
Divine Child Parish	7.6%	20.6%	7.2%	14.9%	25.6%	11.8%	12.3%
Sacred Heart Parish	6.4%	17.9%	7.7%	15.9%	22.5%	11.7%	17.8%
St. Aloysius Parish	6.0%	24.6%	6.0%	12.9%	24.1%	12.5%	14.0%
St. Alphonsus - St. Clement Parish	7.2%	29.1%	7.9%	13.8%	21.9%	8.8%	11.4%
St. Anselm Parish	5.2%	22.9%	6.7%	11.4%	24.0%	13.8%	15.9%
St. Anthony Parish	5.0%	14.9%	7.7%	13.5%	26.6%	15.0%	17.1%
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish	9.5%	19.3%	5.9%	18.2%	21.4%	10.2%	15.7%
St. Linus Parish	7.7%	19.3%	6.0%	17.5%	20.7%	13.8%	15.0%
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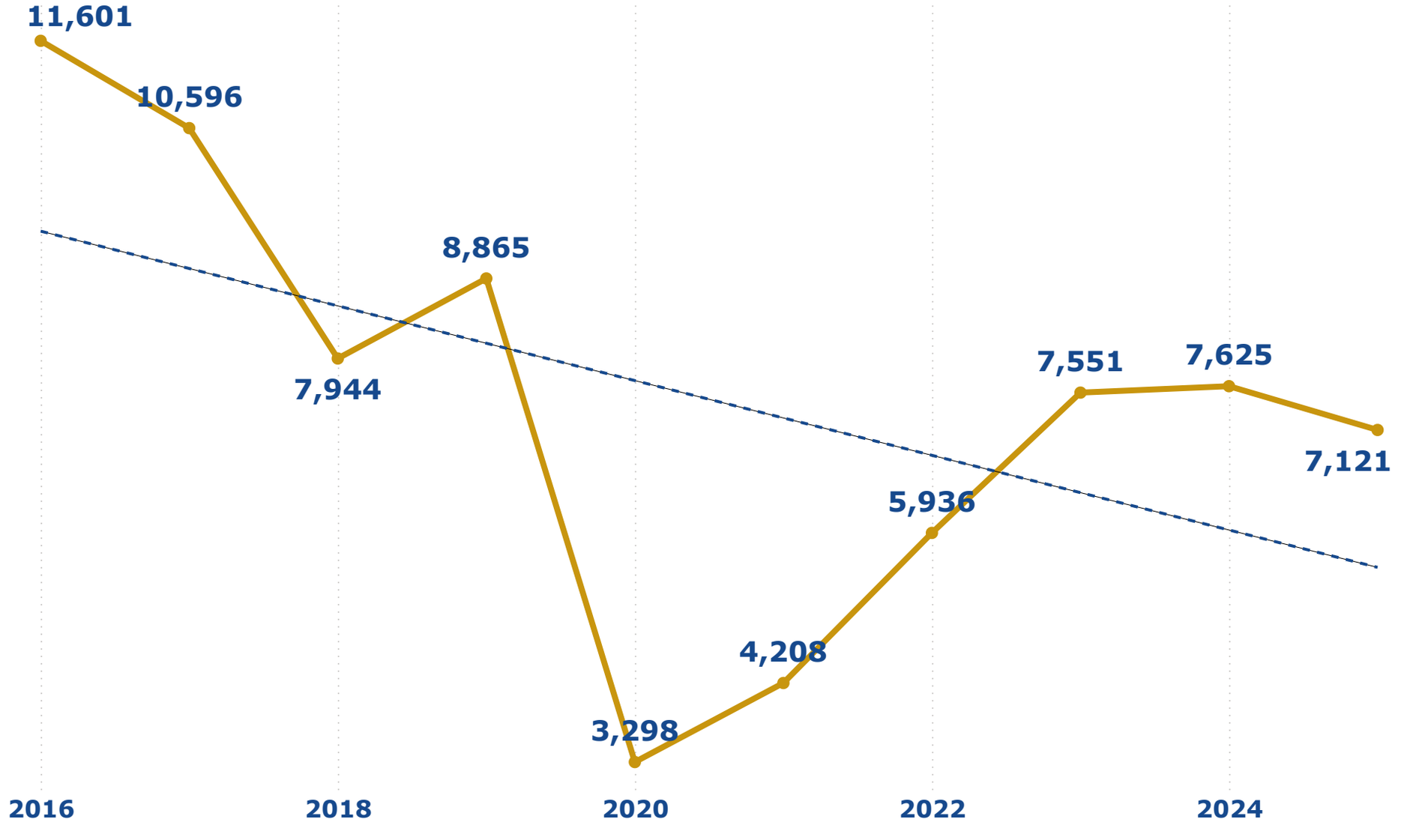
St. Sabina Parish	5.3%	23.4%	4.8%	16.3%	23.5%	11.8%	15.0%
St. Stephen Parish	4.3%	21.2%	4.4%	11.7%	25.3%	17.1%	16.0%
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	7.6%	17.8%	4.9%	15.7%	26.5%	13.3%	14.2%

Source: ACS 2023 (5 Year Average)

Planning Area Mass Count Trend



Mass Count and Capacity (2024)

Parish Name	Worship Sites	Mass Count	Weekend Masses	Seating Capacity	Seating Capacity per Mass*
Divine Child Parish	1	1,284	4	1,500	21%
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	1	662	3	550	40%
St. Stephen Parish	1	614	4	240	64%
Sacred Heart Parish	1	588	3	650	30%
St. Mary Parish	1	575	4	725	20%
St. Maria Goretti Parish	1	534	4	400	33%
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish	1	464	3	800	19%
St. Barbara (Polish) Parish	1	461	3	750	20%
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish	1	425	3	450	31%
St. Anselm Parish	1	409	3	325	42%
St. Sabina Parish	1	388	3	420	31%
St. Linus Parish	1	350	3	600	19%
St. Anthony Parish	1	322	3	650	17%
St. Alphonsus - St. Clement Parish	1	243	2	800	15%
St. Aloysius Parish	1	160	2	300	27%
St. Richard Parish	1	146	1	500	29%

*(Seating Capacity × Weekend Masses) ÷ Total Mass Count

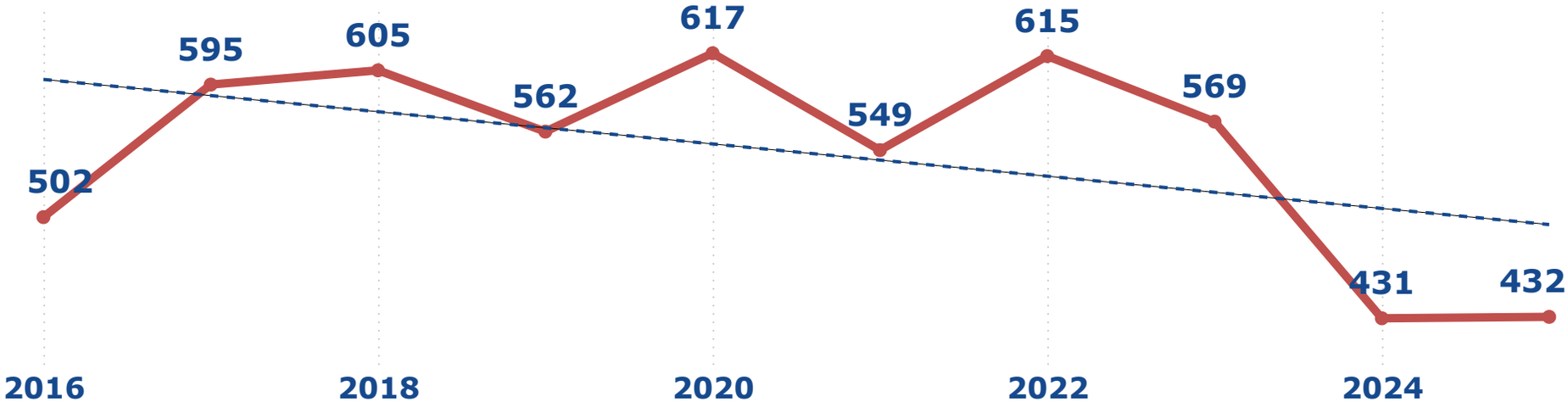
Where Parishioners Live

Parish Name	Within Parish Boundary	Within Parish (%)	Within Region Boundary	Within Region (%)	Outside Region Boundary	Outside Region (%)
Divine Child Parish	595	31%	1,248	65%	66	3%
Sacred Heart Parish	371	51%	329	45%	27	4%
St. Aloysius Parish	171	61%	88	31%	22	8%
St. Alphonsus - St. Clement Parish	168	67%	56	22%	25	10%
St. Anselm Parish	140	26%	349	64%	58	11%
St. Anthony Parish	268	78%	27	8%	47	14%
St. Barbara (Polish) Parish			215	65%	116	35%
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish	171	36%	287	61%	15	3%
St. Linus Parish	279	60%	159	34%	24	5%
St. Maria Goretti Parish	539	57%	384	41%	20	2%
St. Mary Parish	395	40%	535	54%	70	7%
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish	452	64%	232	33%	23	3%
St. Richard Parish	166	53%	136	43%	13	4%
St. Sabina Parish	166	43%	206	53%	15	4%
St. Stephen Parish	152	31%	315	64%	23	5%
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	641	60%	396	37%	34	3%

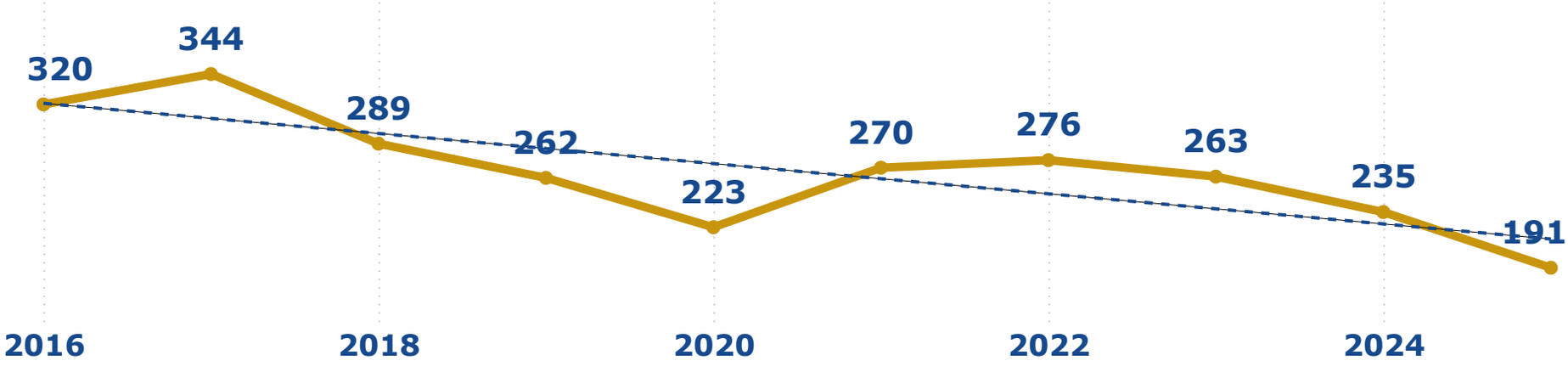
Region references the four administrative areas of the AOD-Central, South, Northwest, Northeast

Planning Area Baptisms and Funerals

Funerals



Baptisms



Sacramental Activity (2024)

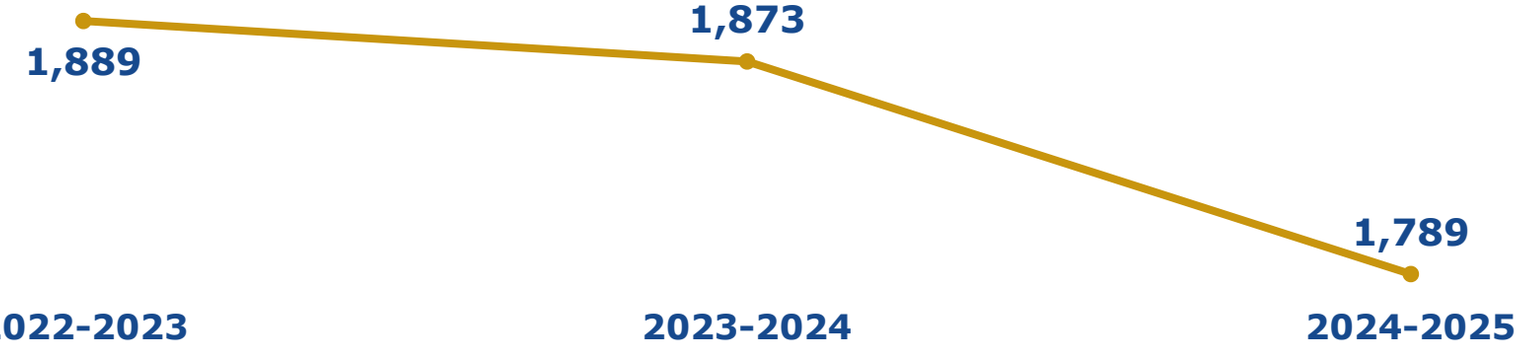
Parish Name	Funerals	Baptisms	Marriages	Confirmations	First Communions	OCIA*
Divine Child Parish	33	64	21	77	63	6
Sacred Heart Parish	44	32	7	19	32	1
St. Anselm Parish	15	23	1	11	16	1
St. Stephen Parish	15	20	6	30	33	11
St. Mary Parish	48	18	3	15	15	1
St. Barbara (Polish) Parish	8	16	5	22	23	2
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	33	16	0	6	13	3
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish	30	10	1	5	7	1
St. Alphonsus - St. Clement Parish	38	8	4	0	1	0
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish	35	8	2	6	3	0
St. Linus Parish	31	7	0	12	9	2
St. Maria Goretti Parish	37	4	1	4	5	0
St. Aloysius Parish	3	3	0	0	0	2
St. Anthony Parish	17	3	4	2	0	0
St. Sabina Parish	29	3	1	0	0	0
St. Richard Parish	15	0	0	0	0	0

*OCIA includes adult baptisms, communions, and confirmations.

Planning Area School Enrollment

Parish and School	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Divine Child Parish			
Divine Child Elementary School	563	559	544
Divine Child High School	722	722	711
Sacred Heart Parish			
Sacred Heart Catholic School	204	199	195
St. Anselm Parish			
St. Anselm Elementary School	174	171	172
St. Linus Parish			
St. Linus Catholic School	126	122	82
St. Stephen Parish			
St. Stephen School	100	100	85

School Enrollment Trend



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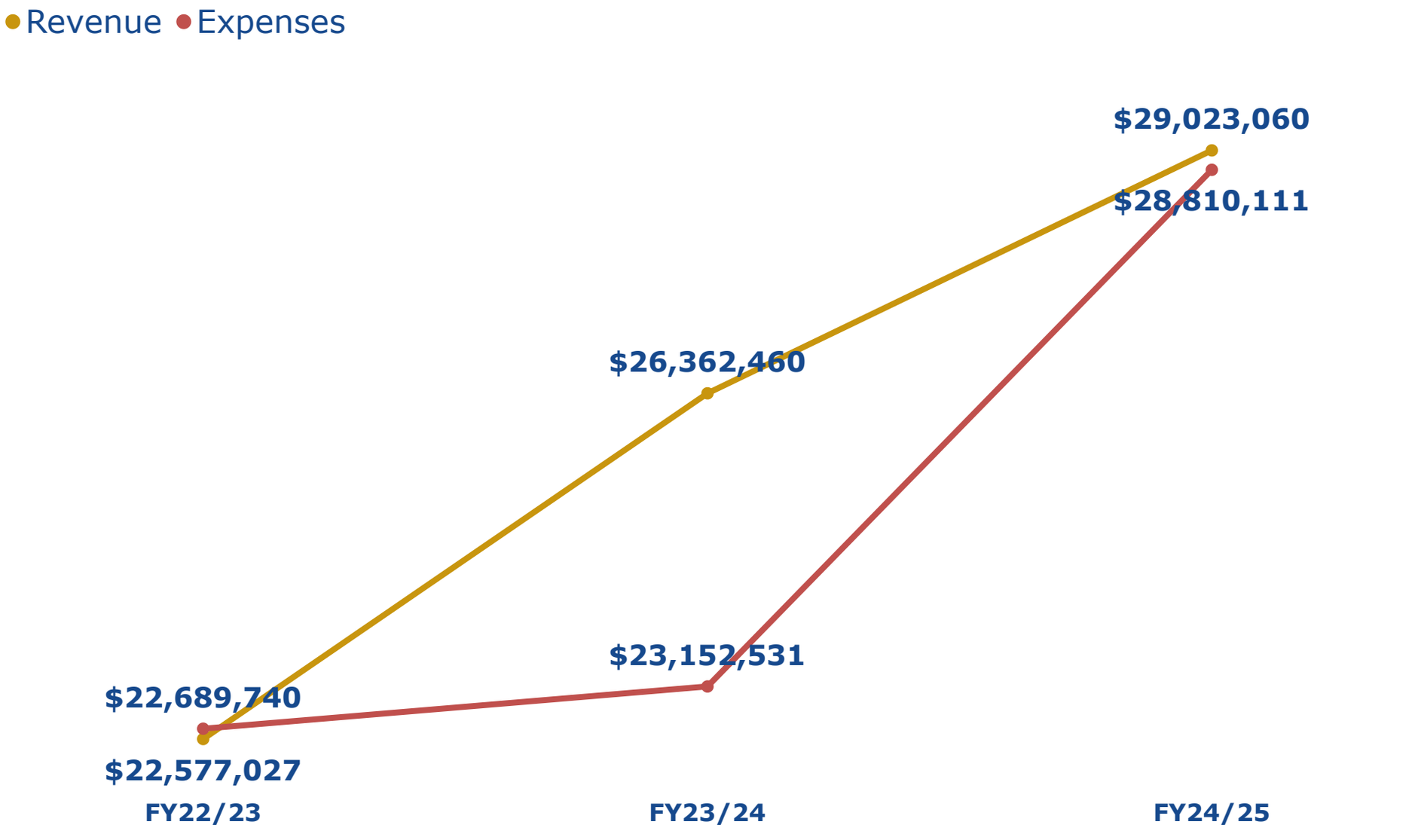
Financial information as reported by Intacct on June 30th of the last three fiscal years (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25). If a data point is zero (0), then the parish experiences zero or did not submit information.

Collections: Funds received as weekly offerings (envelopes, online, loose), Christmas, Holy Days and other marked offerings given.
Other Revenue: All other Operating and Non-Operating funds received, such as donations, event fees, and interest.
Salary & Benefits Expense: Costs related to employee compensation, including wages, payroll taxes, pension, health insurance, and other benefits.
Contractor Expense: Costs related to contractors providing a service to the parish/school, such as Administrative Services and Janitorial.
Facilities Expense: Costs related to building expenses, utilities, and telecommunications.
Other Expense: All other operating expenses not included in the previous categories.
Capital Expense: Costs related to major repairs, renovations and other major building related purchases.
Net Income: Total Revenue minus Total Expenses (includes both Operating and Non-Operating).
Parish Subsidy: Calculated based on the net loss for the school operating unit (Elementary and/or High School).
Parish Tuition Scholarships: Funds donated to an external Catholic school for the purpose of student scholarships.
Cash: The reconciled checking account balance.
Unrestricted Savings: The sum of the unrestricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Endowments: Long-Term investments for the purpose of generating interest income to support operations over time. The endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution.
Donor Restricted Trust: The sum of the restricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Bills Due: Amounts owed to vendors for goods and services received/ordered by not yet paid for.
Payable Loans: Amounts owed to lenders or financial institutions (Archdiocese of Detroit) that must be repaid over time, often with interest.
Other Liabilities: Other amounts owed by the parish/school, including any tuition collected prior to the start of the school year.

Planning Area Financial Trend



Revenue Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Collections	Rental Income	Fundraising	Tuition & Fees	Other	Total Revenue
Divine Child Parish	$1,575,517	$7,200	$256,750	$10,692,413	$3,391,970	$15,923,850
Sacred Heart Parish	$832,051	$12,212	$160,168	$1,165,345	$435,807	$2,605,582
St. Aloysius Parish	$189,666	$400	$27,460	$0	$11,633	$229,160
St. Alphonsus - St. Clement Parish	$284,606	$450	$63,323	$0	$138,326	$486,705
St. Anselm Parish	$377,070	$5,928	$104,867	$575,017	$398,582	$1,461,463
St. Anthony Parish	$418,991	$2,150	$24,888	$0	$14,666	$460,695
St. Barbara (Polish) Parish	$234,888	$434,451	$44,876	$4,311	$21,907	$740,432
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish	$450,743	$3,650	$29,566	$961	$49,321	$534,241
St. Linus Parish	$513,104	$3,750	$19,156	$202,198	$195,766	$933,975
St. Maria Goretti Parish	$493,401	$750	$12,577	$0	$55,134	$561,861
St. Mary Parish	$577,588	$31,893	$292,125	$2,293	$248,431	$1,152,329
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish	$592,757	$200	$13,811	$6,327	$80,547	$693,642
St. Richard Parish	$153,718	$13,200	$7,340	$0	$28,402	$202,660
St. Sabina Parish	$352,039	$675	$194,561	$0	$64,638	$611,913
St. Stephen Parish	$684,626	$6,186	$89,868	$355,268	$458,398	$1,594,346
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	$650,236	$6,330	$115,401	$4,315	$53,924	$830,205

Expense Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Salary & Benefits	Contractors	Facilities	Other	Capital Expenditures	Total Expenses
Divine Child Parish	$10,439,911	$329,629	$922,728	$1,970,919	$1,915,303	$15,578,489
Sacred Heart Parish	$1,337,885	$84,426	$289,139	$382,652	$637,808	$2,731,910
St. Aloysius Parish	$112,432	$38,294	$59,650	$27,416	$776	$238,568
St. Alphonsus - St. Clement Parish	$125,379	$78,074	$109,699	$64,193	$609,431	$986,776
St. Anselm Parish	$946,990	$115,701	$263,606	$259,088	$17,042	$1,602,427
St. Anthony Parish	$261,281	$4,005	$154,235	$53,591	$3,108	$476,221
St. Barbara (Polish) Parish	$190,317	$41,211	$132,981	$136,495	$19,132	$520,136
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish	$218,321	$64,512	$119,853	$76,584	$52,804	$532,074
St. Linus Parish	$686,217	$41,545	$173,457	$165,223	$10,496	$1,076,937
St. Maria Goretti Parish	$158,232	$31,652	$192,630	$114,056	$21,460	$518,032
St. Mary Parish	$284,700	$27,876	$286,146	$223,984	$240,587	$1,063,294
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish	$290,406	$32,353	$180,275	$79,248	$0	$582,281
St. Richard Parish	$57,177	$17,952	$59,557	$23,674	$115,877	$274,237
St. Sabina Parish	$265,502	$51,607	$131,010	$97,443	$170,011	$715,573
St. Stephen Parish	$671,683	$61,967	$207,405	$235,692	$27,015	$1,203,761
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	$340,684	$36,720	$165,533	$103,444	$63,014	$709,394

Revenue and Expenses Trend

Fiscal Year	FY22/23			FY23/24			FY24/25		
Parish Name	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)
Divine Child Parish	$14,223,600	$14,746,434	($522,834)	$17,964,160	$14,667,197	$3,296,963	$15,923,850	$15,578,489	$345,361
Sacred Heart Parish	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$2,605,582	$2,731,910	($126,328)
St. Aloysius Parish	$234,369	$224,753	$9,616	$226,014	$233,506	($7,492)	$229,160	$238,568	($9,408)
St. Alphonsus - St. Clement Parish	$1,146,409	$822,579	$323,831	$445,632	$1,158,603	($712,972)	$486,705	$986,776	($500,070)
St. Anselm Parish	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$1,461,463	$1,602,427	($140,964)
St. Anthony Parish	$497,466	$486,964	$10,502	$487,713	$482,298	$5,414	$460,695	$476,221	($15,525)
St. Barbara (Polish) Parish	$628,465	$533,989	$94,476	$591,230	$537,767	$53,462	$740,432	$520,136	$220,296
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish	$498,112	$500,106	($1,993)	$532,729	$523,948	$8,781	$534,241	$532,074	$2,167
St. Linus Parish	$0	$0	$0	$1,817,983	$1,288,726	$529,256	$933,975	$1,076,937	($142,963)
St. Maria Goretti Parish	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$561,861	$518,032	$43,829
St. Mary Parish	$1,156,540	$1,081,026	$75,514	$736,627	$685,476	$51,151	$1,152,329	$1,063,294	$89,035
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish	$846,811	$761,254	$85,557	$612,096	$702,220	($90,124)	$693,642	$582,281	$111,361
St. Richard Parish	$219,718	$185,904	$33,813	$223,748	$161,073	$62,674	$202,660	$274,237	($71,578)
St. Sabina Parish	$520,596	$642,126	($121,530)	$568,575	$598,128	($29,553)	$611,913	$715,573	($103,660)
St. Stephen Parish	$1,307,015	$1,330,950	($23,936)	$1,325,068	$1,206,253	$118,814	$1,594,346	$1,203,761	$390,585
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	$1,297,927	$1,373,656	($75,729)	$830,888	$907,335	($76,448)	$830,205	$709,394	$120,811

Asset & Liability Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Unrestricted Cash/Savings	Restricted Savings	Bills Due	Payable Loans	Net Equity
Divine Child Parish	$14,540,742	$696,208	($235)	$0	$12,090,573
Sacred Heart Parish	$5,447,219	$0	$507	$0	$5,906,599
St. Aloysius Parish	$168,526	$0	($1,223)	$0	$169,748
St. Alphonsus - St. Clement Parish	$715,664	$0	$0	$0	$1,346,601
St. Anselm Parish	$963,286	$0	$34,871	$0	$1,453,509
St. Anthony Parish	$184,131	$0	($2,000)	$0	$186,131
St. Barbara (Polish) Parish	$843,807	$0	$13,846	$0	$870,014
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish	$177,203	$0	$0	$0	$177,014
St. Linus Parish	$815,190	$0	($6,439)	($486)	$630,638
St. Maria Goretti Parish	$783,809	$0	$51,248	$0	$732,560
St. Mary Parish	$159,259	$0	$10,074	$1,003,629	($860,193)
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish	$118,298	$0	$44,031	$85,042	$157,013
St. Richard Parish	$245,254	$0	$3,702	$0	$240,710
St. Sabina Parish	$2,177,669	$0	($4,418)	$0	$2,212,679
St. Stephen Parish	$1,781,847	$0	$20,679	$0	$1,728,946
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	$835,360	$0	$10,160	$238,692	$701,145

Section Three

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish

Westland

Parish History

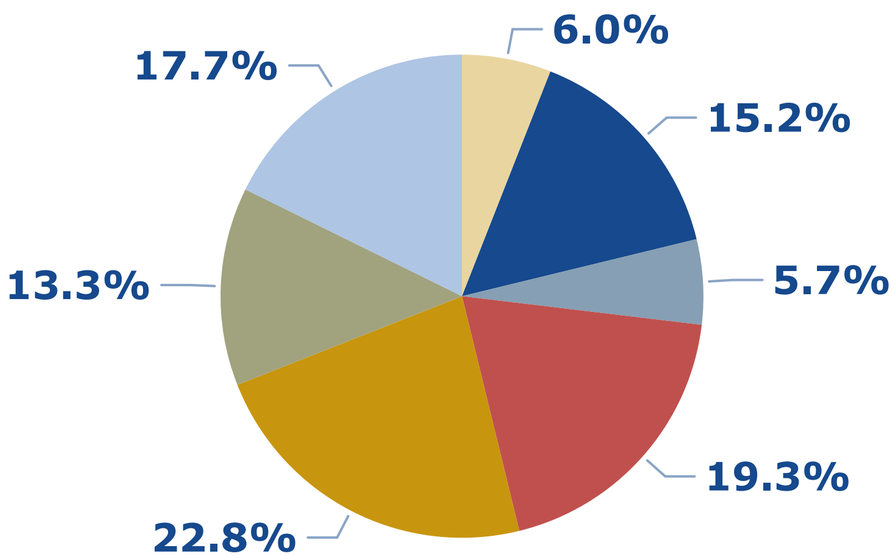
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish in Westland was established in 2016, through the merger of three local parishes—St. Theodore, St. Damian, and Divine Savior. In 2019, the parish also welcomed members from the recently closed St. Mel, incorporating about 20% of its community. For its first four years, the parish was led by a PIME priest, though it is not officially affiliated with the order. This merger brought together diverse traditions and communities, forming a unified parish committed to continuing the legacy of faith and service in the Westland area.

Inspired by Mary's "Yes" and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish strives to be a welcoming and faith-filled community that celebrates the Gospel and supports its neighbors with joy. Parishioners encounter Christ through Bible studies, book groups, men's and women's fraternities, and mission-focused youth programs. Growth in discipleship is fostered through religious education, service organizations like the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul, and the Forever Young Seniors Group. The parish is known for its generosity, hosting monthly pancake breakfasts and community lunches that welcome all. Though it does not operate a school, it offers scholarships to help families access Catholic education, reflecting its commitment to nurturing faith across generations.

US Census Data (Parish Boundary)

Age

- Under 5
- 5-19
- 20-24
- 25-34
- 35-54
- 55-64
- 65+



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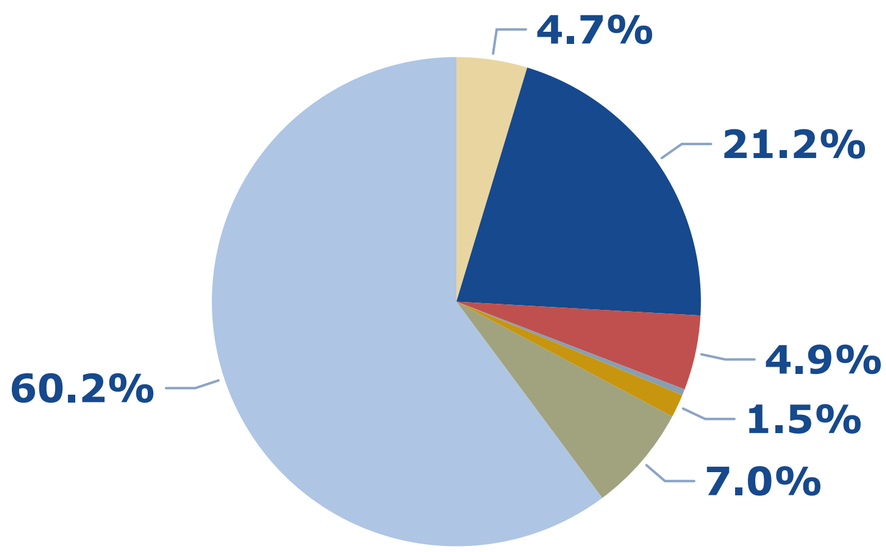
Median Age

Race/Ethnicity

- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American
- Other Race
- Two or More Races
- White

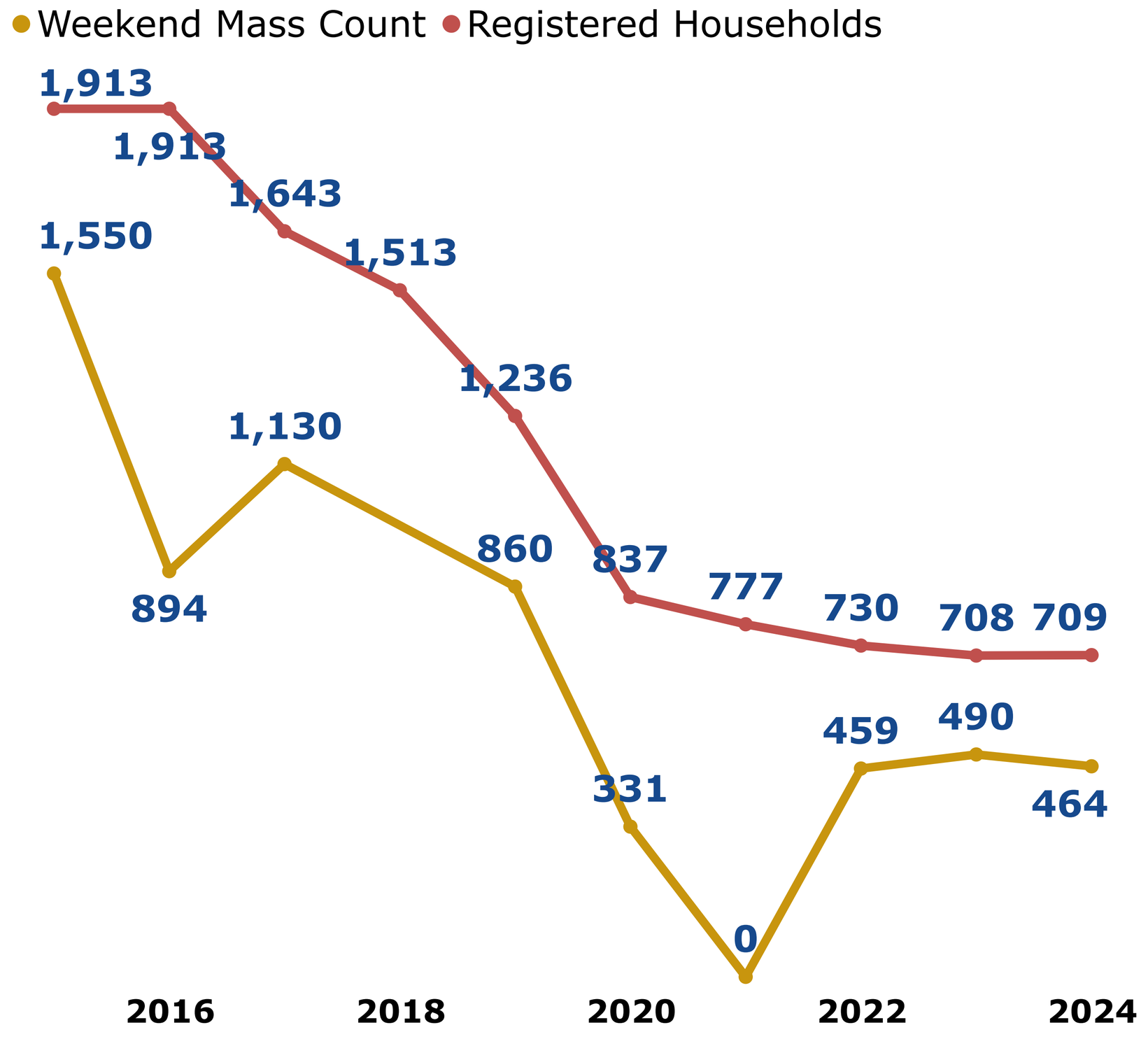


50,548

Total Population

Source: ACS 2023 (5 Year Average)

Worshipping Households



Number of worship sites

1

Number of weekend masses

3

Seating capacity

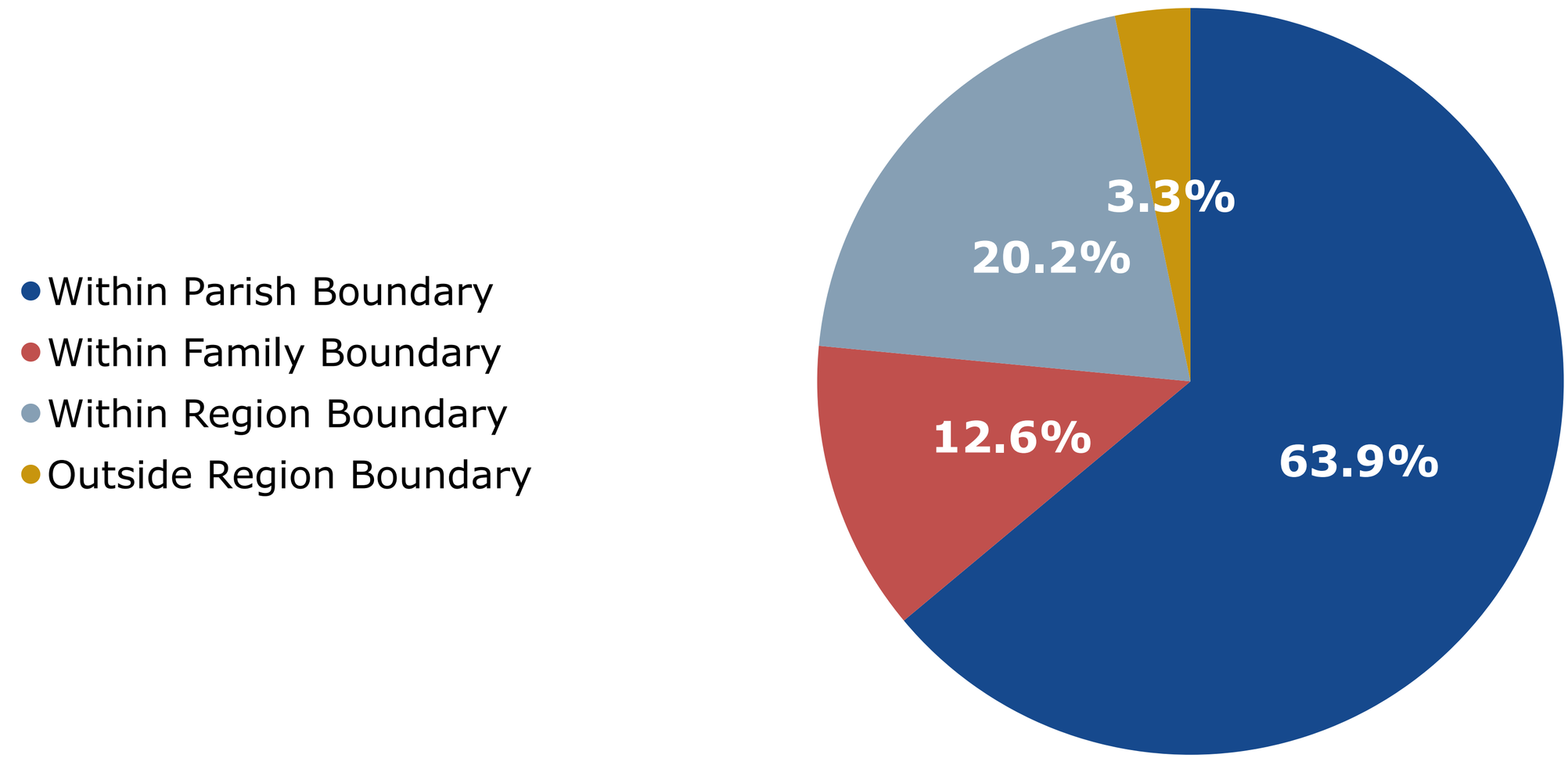
800

Mass attendance as a percent of capacity

19%

Source: ParishSoft and Parish Reported to AOD

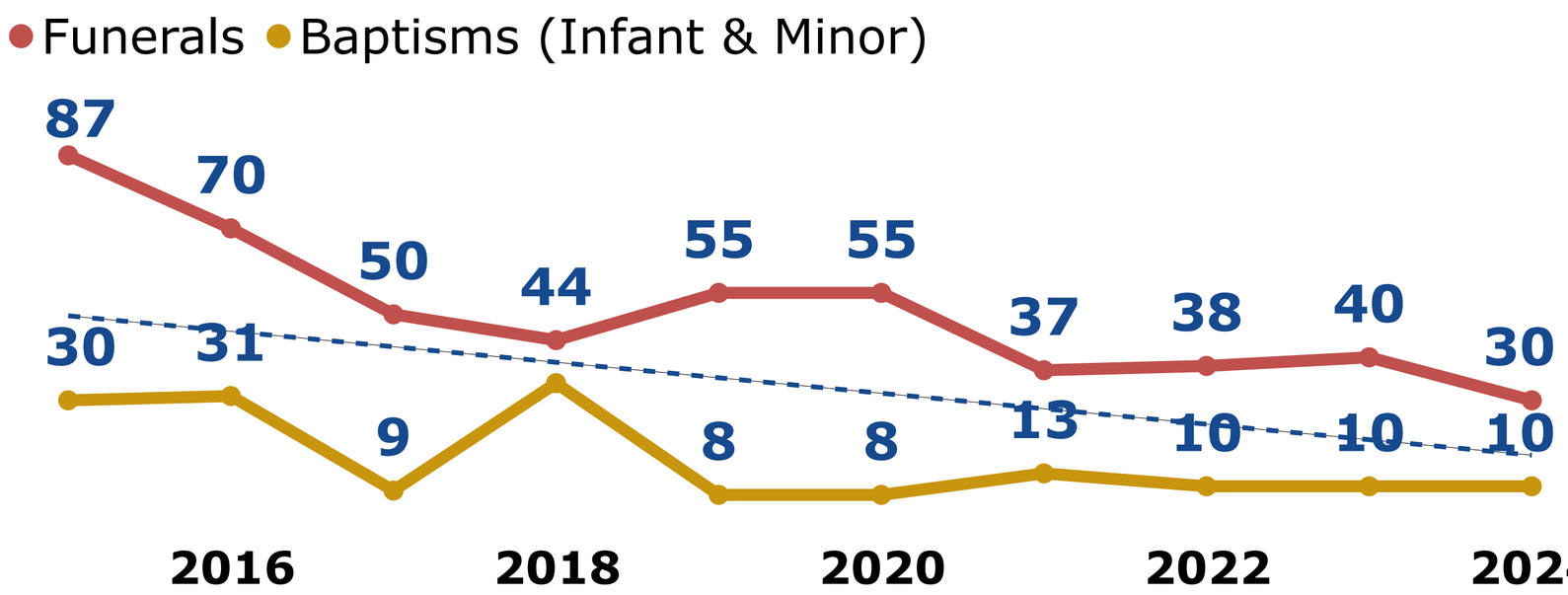
Where Parishioners Live



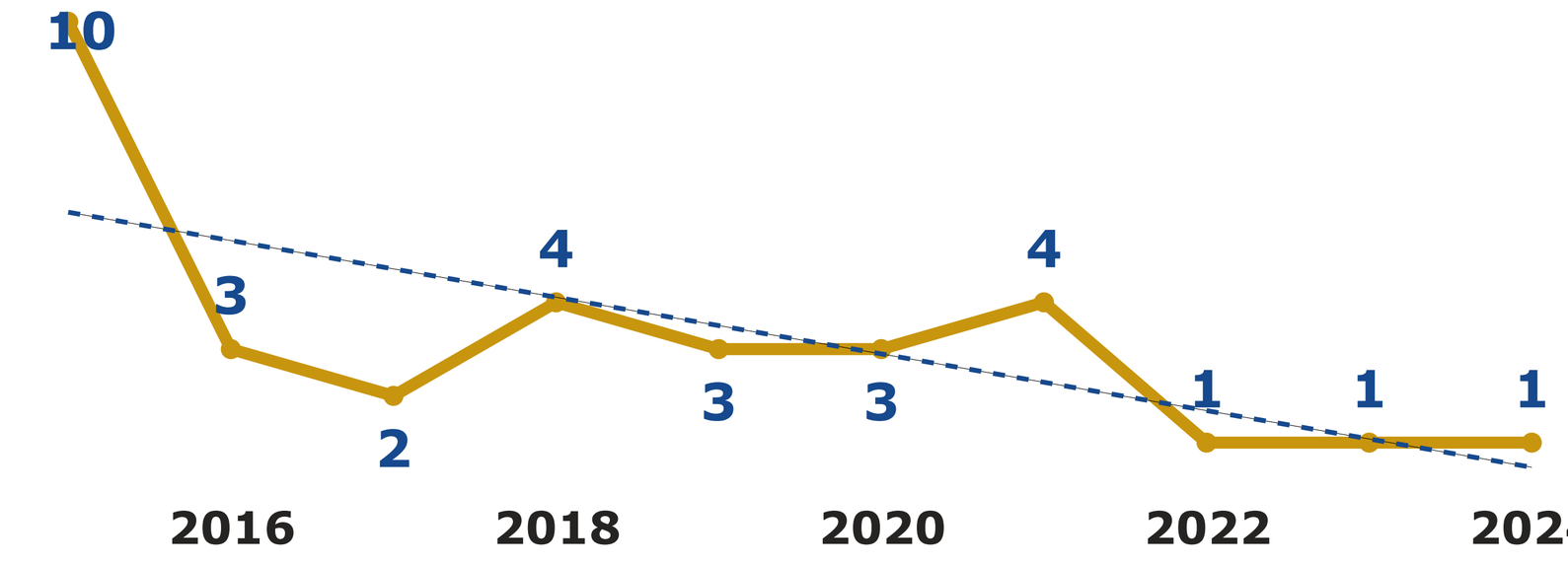
Source: ParishSoft

Sacraments of Life Trend

Funerals and Baptisms



Marriage Trend



Percent Change 2015-2024

Funerals
-65.5%

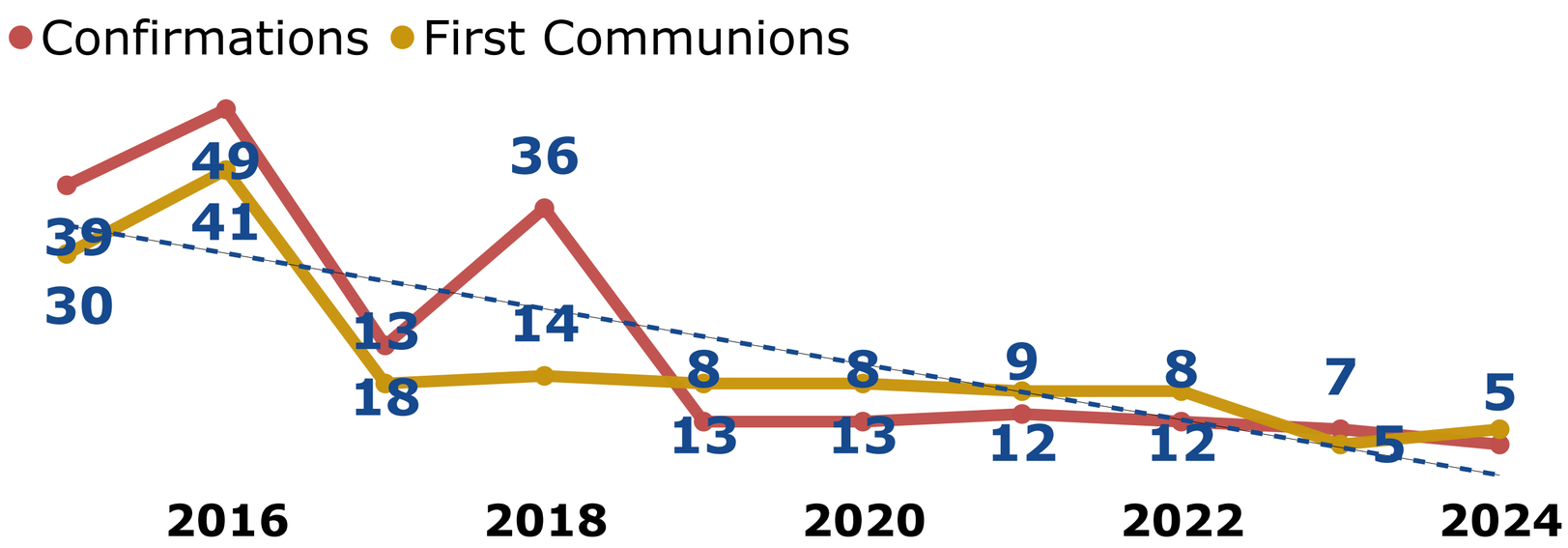
Infant & Minor Baptisms
-66.7%

Marriages
-90.0%

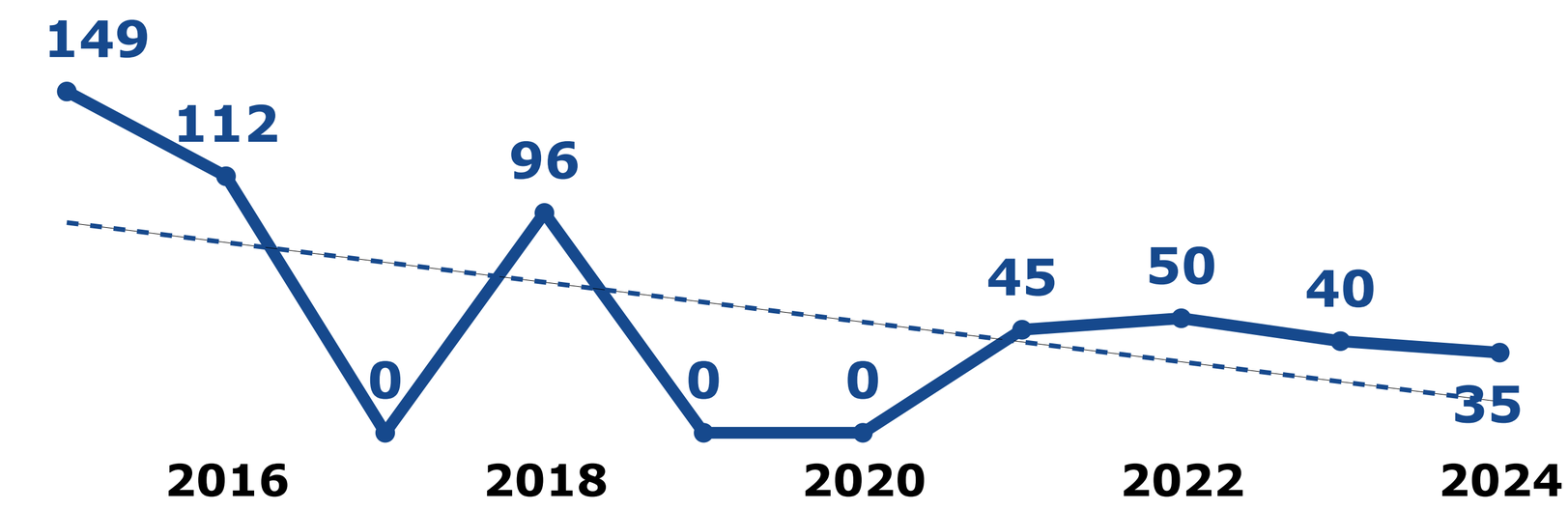
Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

Youth Evangelization

Sacramental Trend



Religious Education Enrollment



*Parishes with a school may have included school religious education in the total enrollment number

Percent Change 2015-2024

Confirmations
-87.2%

First Communions
-76.7%

Religious Education
-76.5%

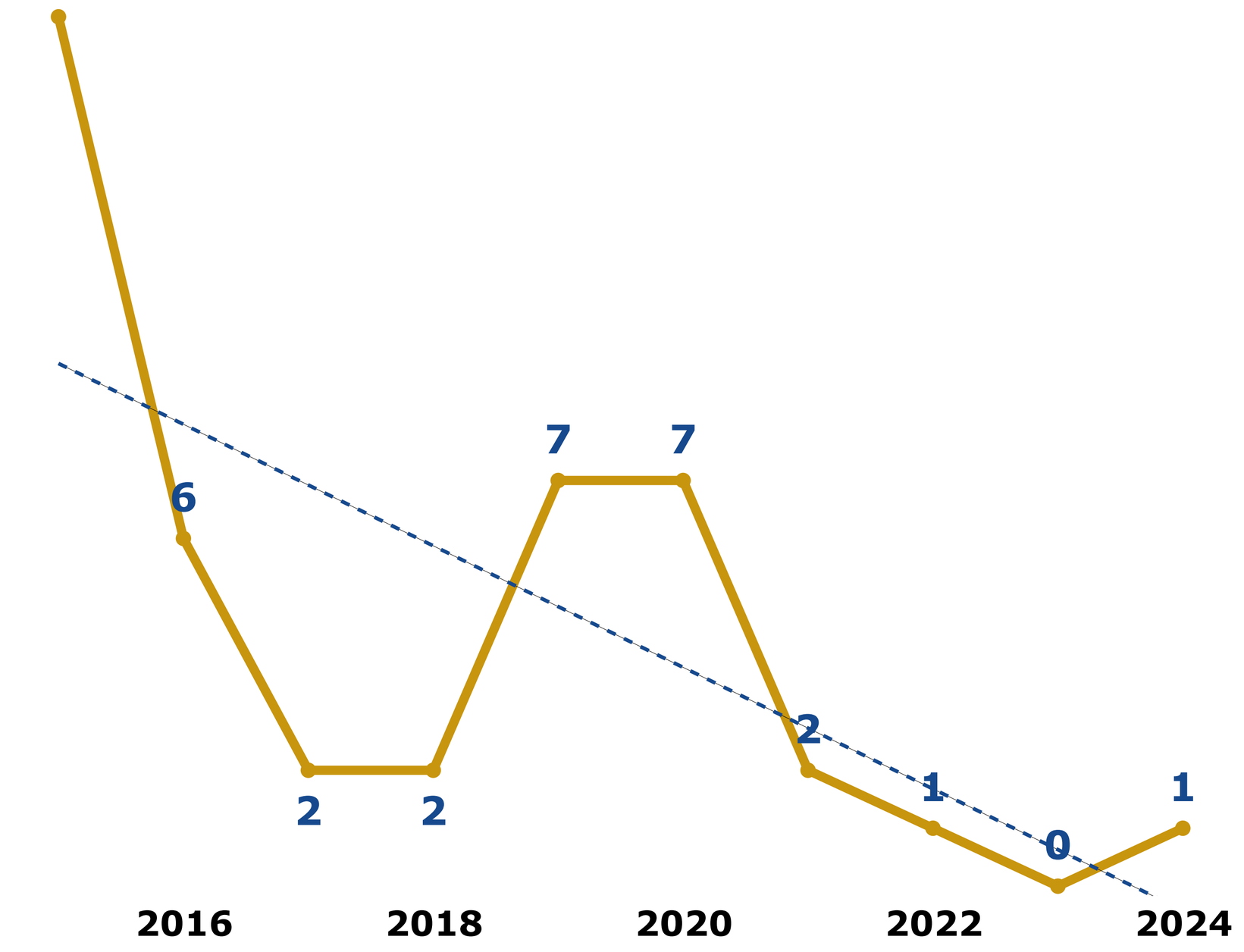
Note: Sacraments may have been registered in another parish hosting a FOP combined event

Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Trend

Total Full Communions, Catechumens, Adult Baptisms



Percent Change 2015-2024

Adult Sacraments

-93.3%

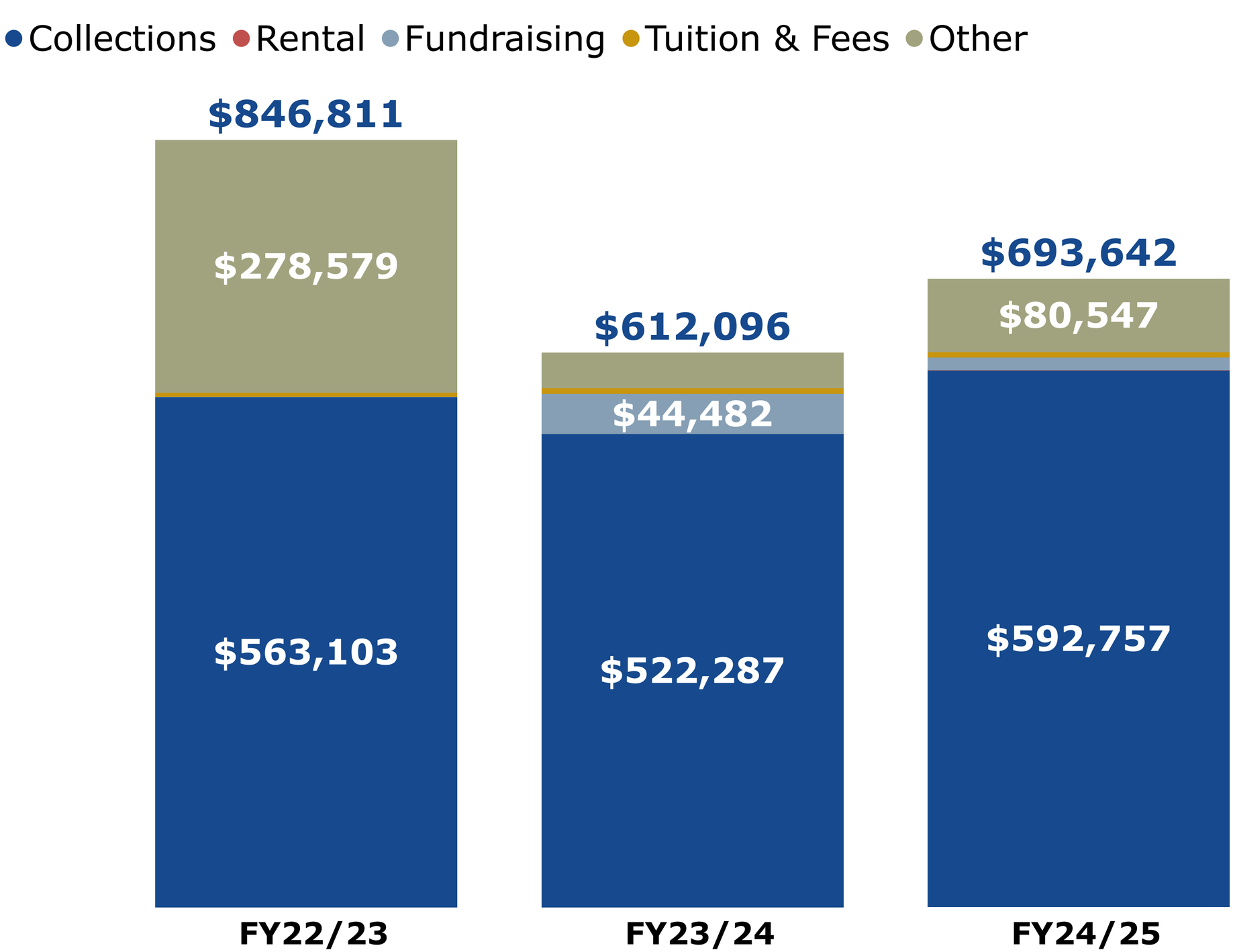
Note: Sacraments may have been registered in another parish hosting a FOP combined event

Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

Definitions of data fields appearing on the following pages are provided below.
Financial information as reported by Intacct on June 30th of the last three fiscal years (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25). If a data point is zero (0), then the parish experiences zero or did not submit information.

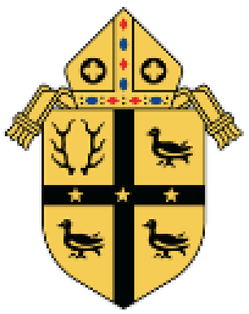
Collections: Funds received as weekly offerings (envelopes, online, loose), Christmas, Holy Days and other marked offerings given.
Other Revenue: All other Operating and Non-Operating funds received, such as donations, event fees, and interest.
Salary & Benefits Expense: Costs related to employee compensation, including wages, payroll taxes, pension, health insurance, and other benefits.
Contractor Expense: Costs related to contractors providing a service to the parish/school, such as Administrative Services and Janitorial.
Facilities Expense: Costs related to building expenses, utilities, and telecommunications.
Other Expense: All other operating expenses not included in the previous categories.
Capital Expense: Costs related to major repairs, renovations and other major building related purchases.
Net Income: Total Revenue minus Total Expenses (includes both Operating and Non-Operating).
Parish Subsidy: Calculated based on the net loss for the school operating unit (Elementary and/or High School).
Parish Tuition Scholarships: Funds donated to an external Catholic school for the purpose of student scholarships.
Cash: The reconciled checking account balance.
Unrestricted Savings: The sum of the unrestricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Endowments: Long-Term investments for the purpose of generating interest income to support operations over time. The endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution.
Donor Restricted Trust: The sum of the restricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Bills Due: Amounts owed to vendors for goods and services received/ordered by not yet paid for.
Payable Loans: Amounts owed to lenders or financial institutions (Archdiocese of Detroit) that must be repaid over time, often with interest.
Other Liabilities: Other amounts owed by the parish/school, including any tuition collected prior to the start of the school year.

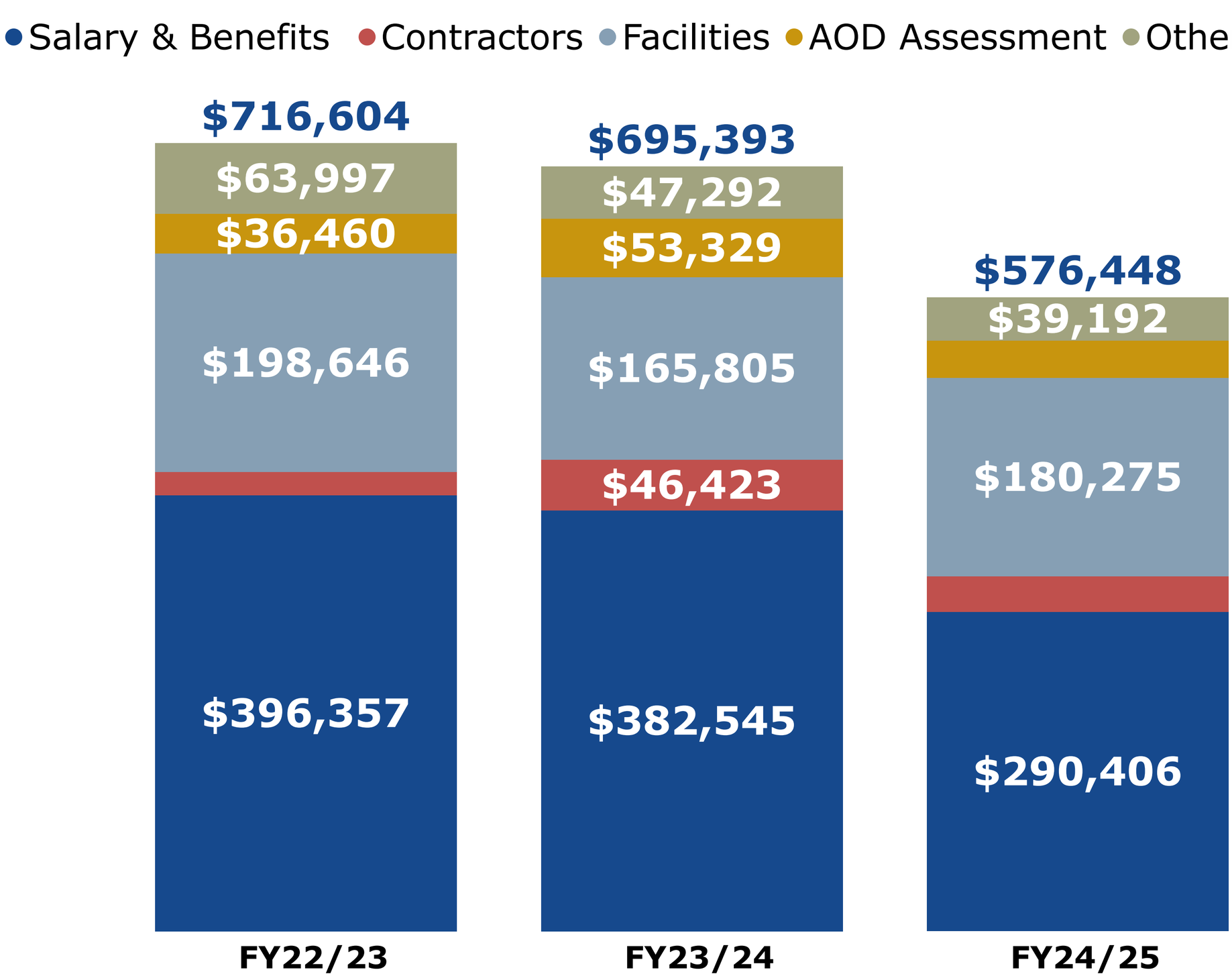
Revenue | 3 Year Trend



Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Operating Expenses | 3 Year Trend





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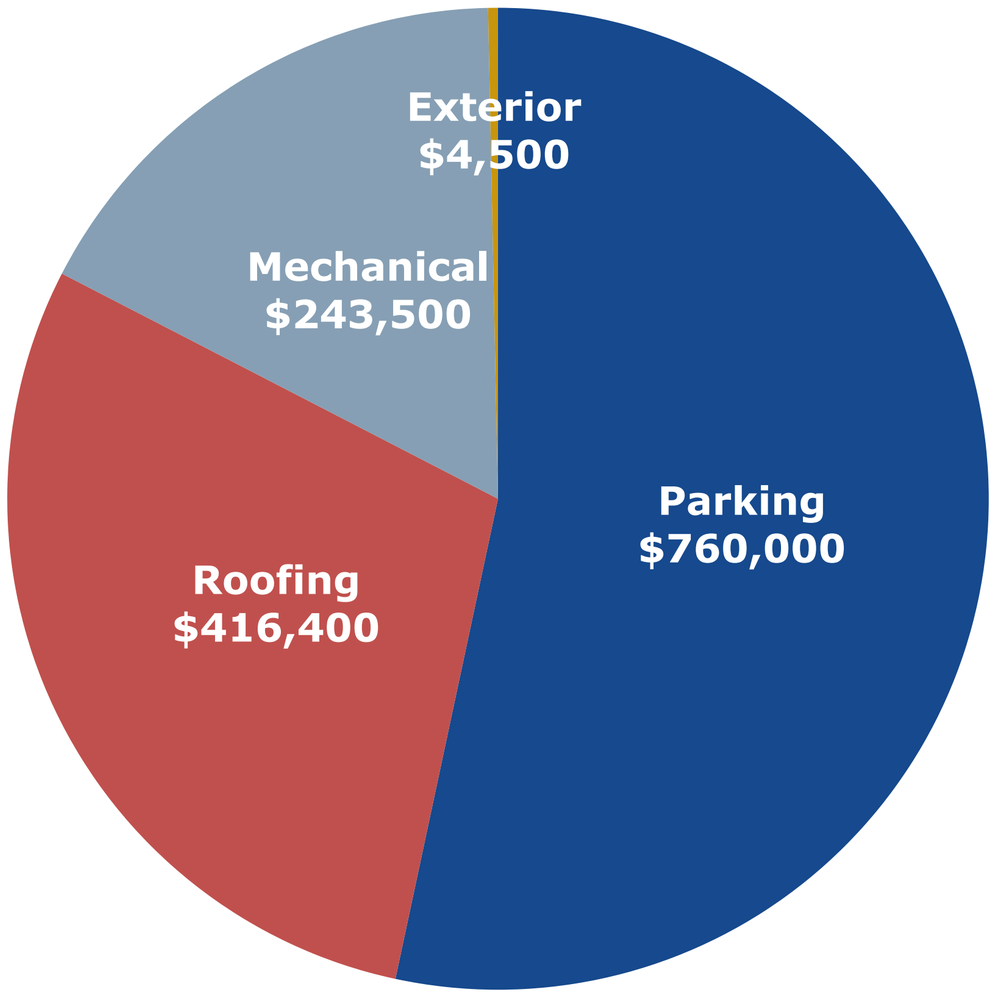
Parish Deferred Maintenance

Maintenance Required

$1,424,500

Total Estimated Cost



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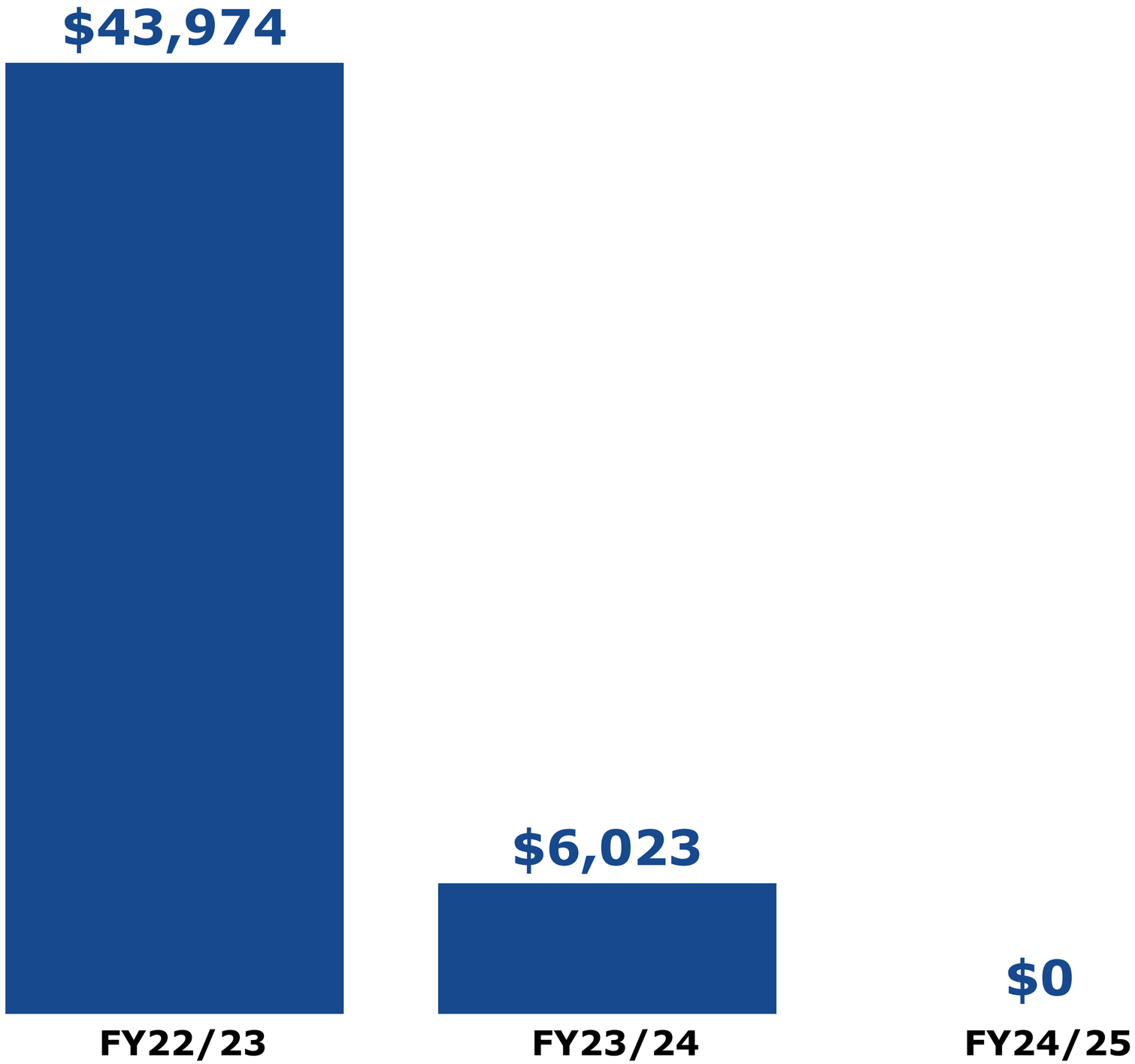
Evaluation Report Date

Source: Property Condition Evaluation

Capital Expenses | 3 Year Trend



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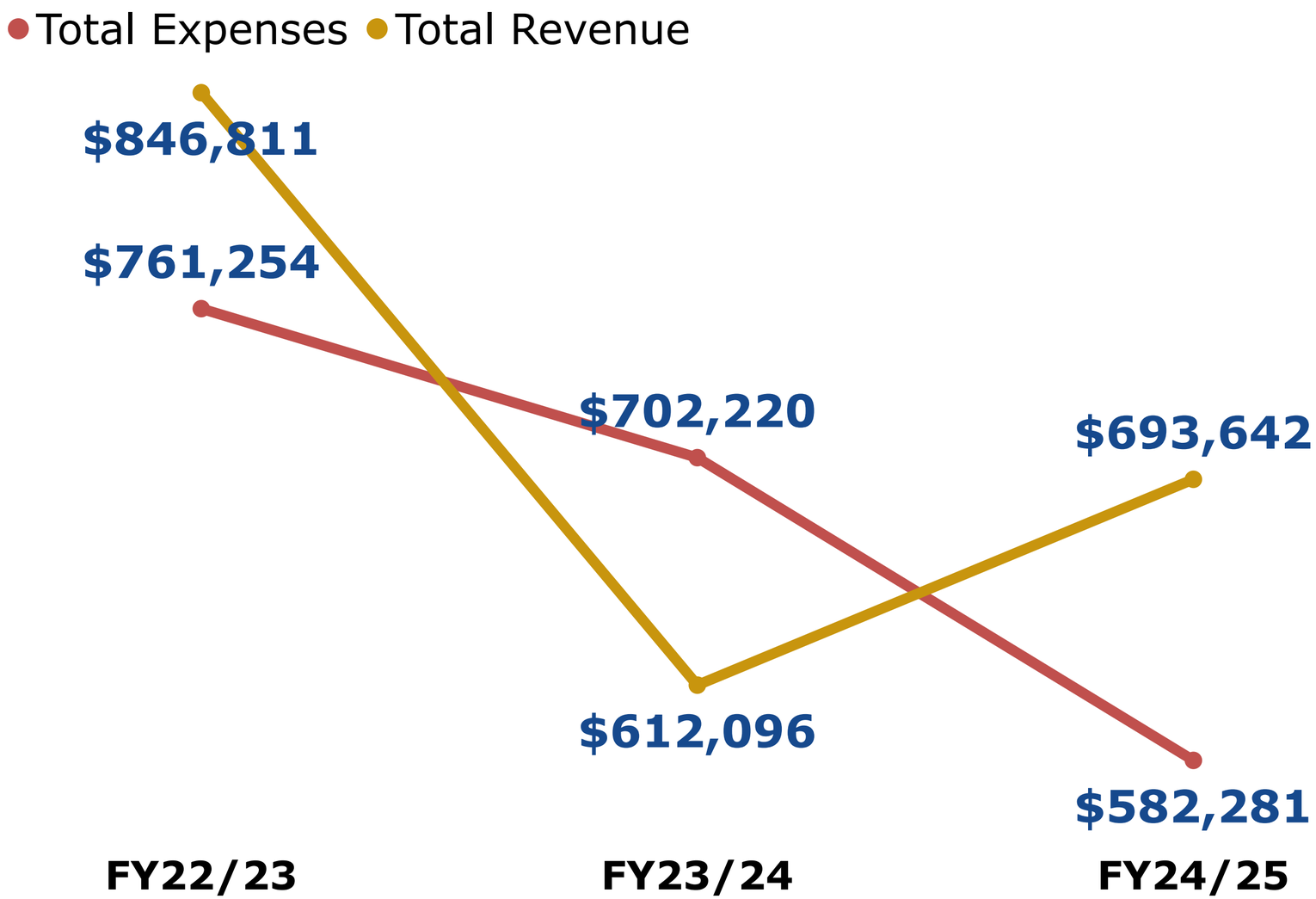
Revenue and Expenses



Net Income/(Deficit)

FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25
$85,557	($90,124)	$111,361

The relationship between revenue and expense shows net surplus/(deficit).

A higher yellow line (revenue) shows a positive net income in a given year.

A higher red line (expense) shows a negative net income in a given year.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Catholic Education Investment

Parish Subsidy for Catholic School

Parish Tuition Scholarships

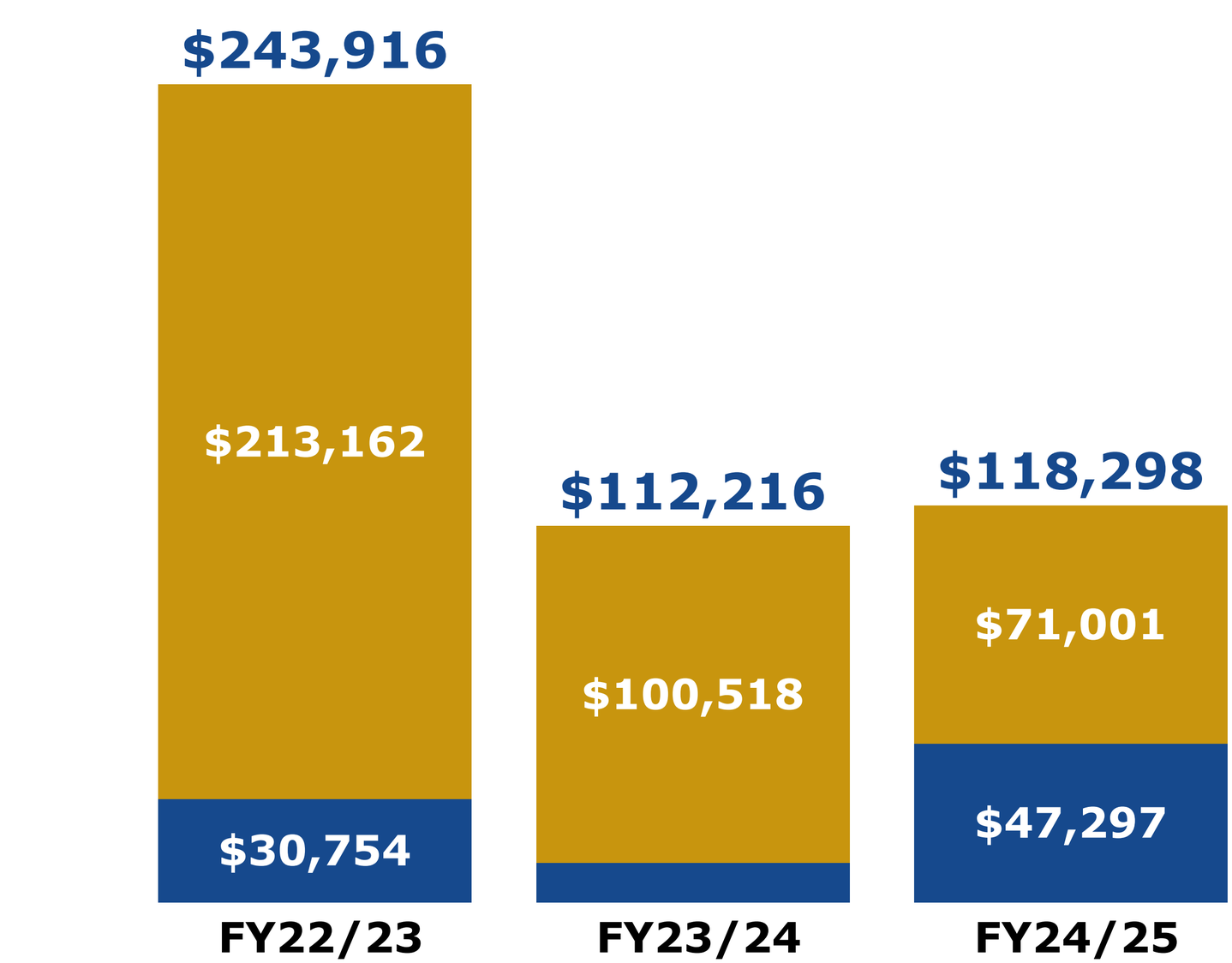
Parish subsidies fill the gap between tuition and school operating expenses for parishes with a school.

Parish Tuition Scholarships are parish funds used to help cover tuition costs for students attending Catholic Schools outside of the parish.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Savings & Investments Keys for Sustainability

Cash and Savings (Unrestricted)



An increase of cash and savings usually means the parish is doing well financially. It also means they are better prepared to handle surprise costs or tough times.

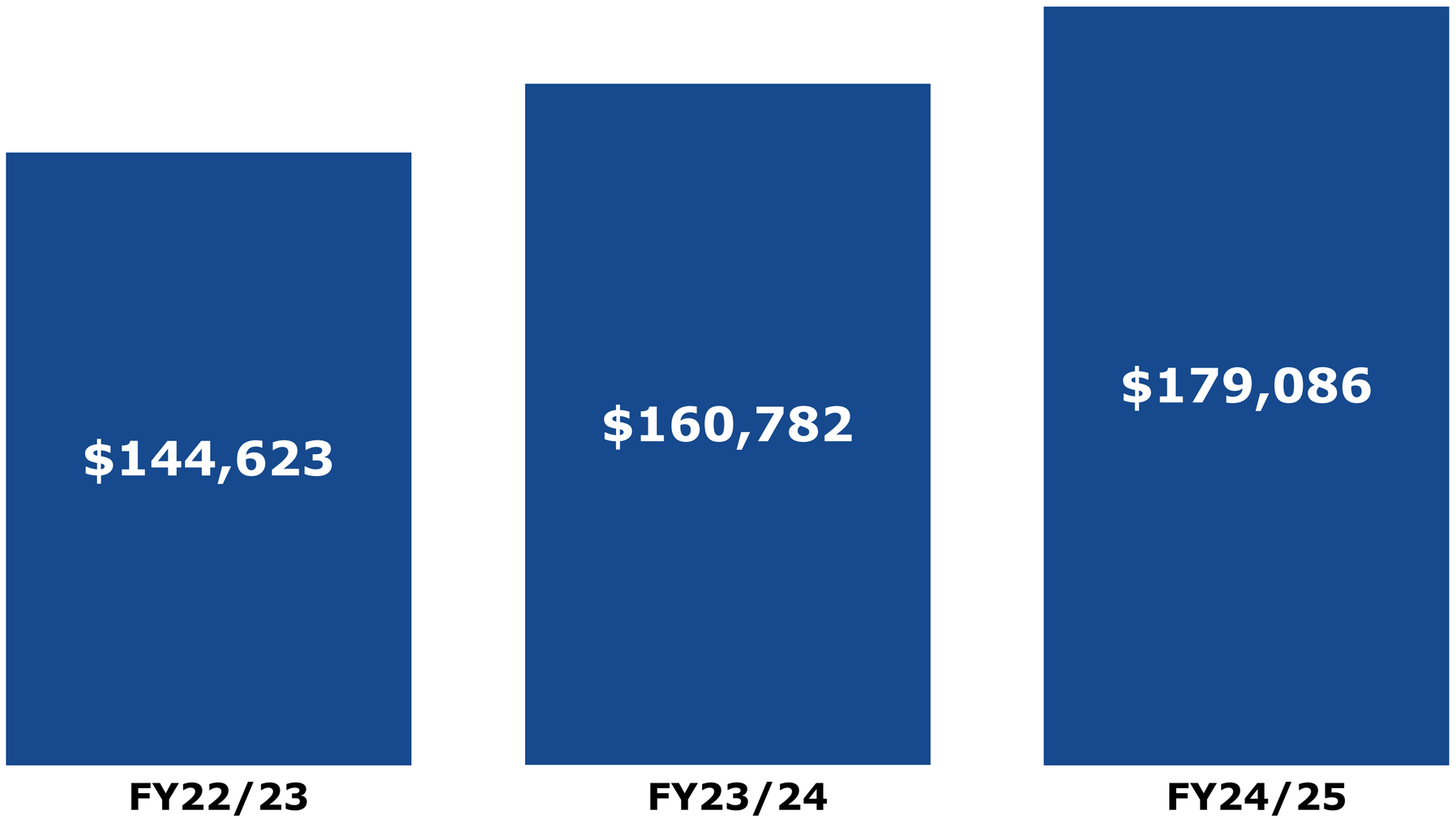
If cash and savings goes down, it may mean a parish is spending more, or collecting less. Having less cash can make it harder to deal with unexpected expenses. Sometimes, this drop is planned—like using savings for big projects or repairs.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Savings & Investments
Keys for Sustainability

Savings & Endowments (Restricted)

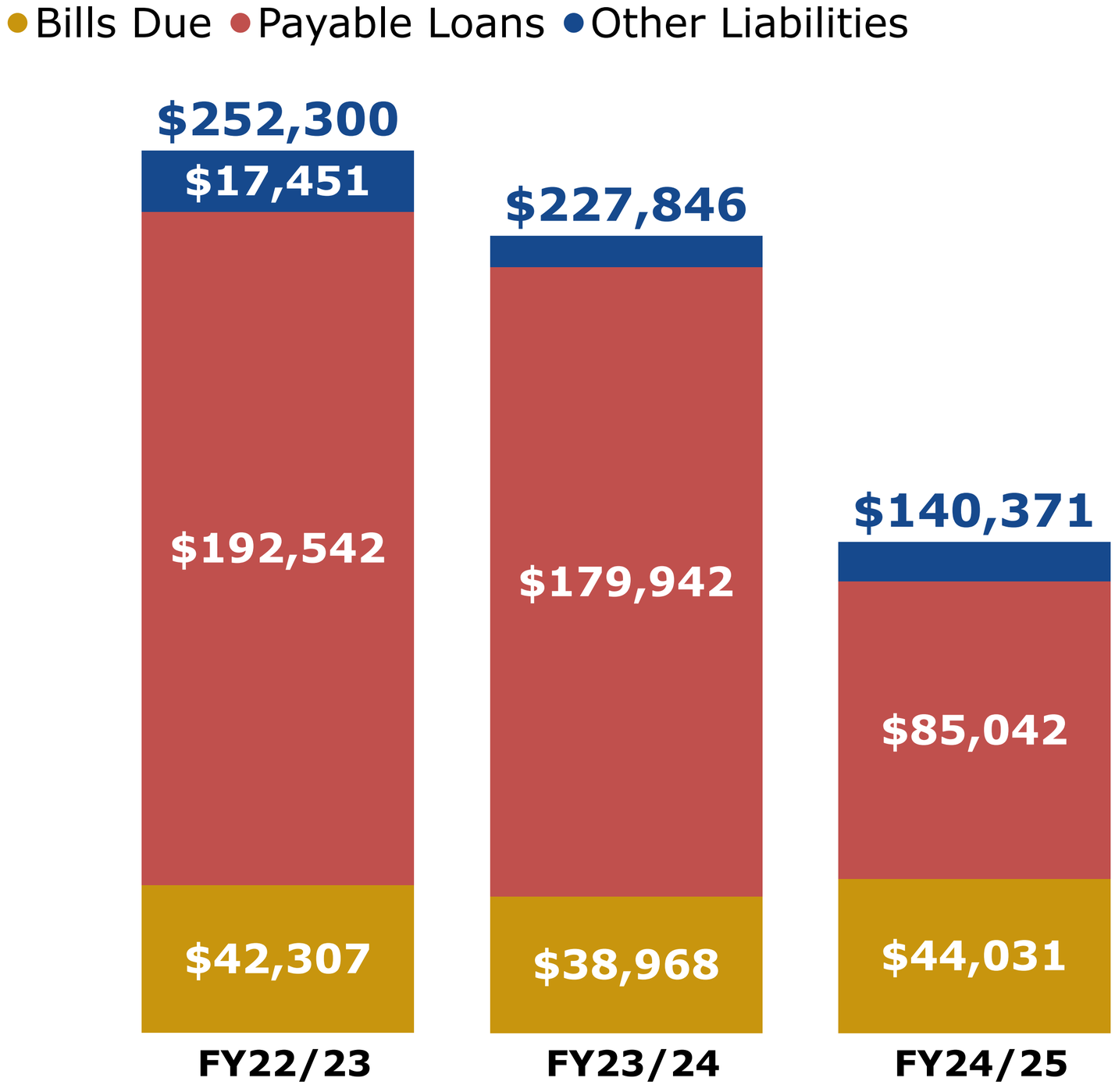
● Endowments ● Donor Restricted Trust



Note: AOD Endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Debts and Liabilities



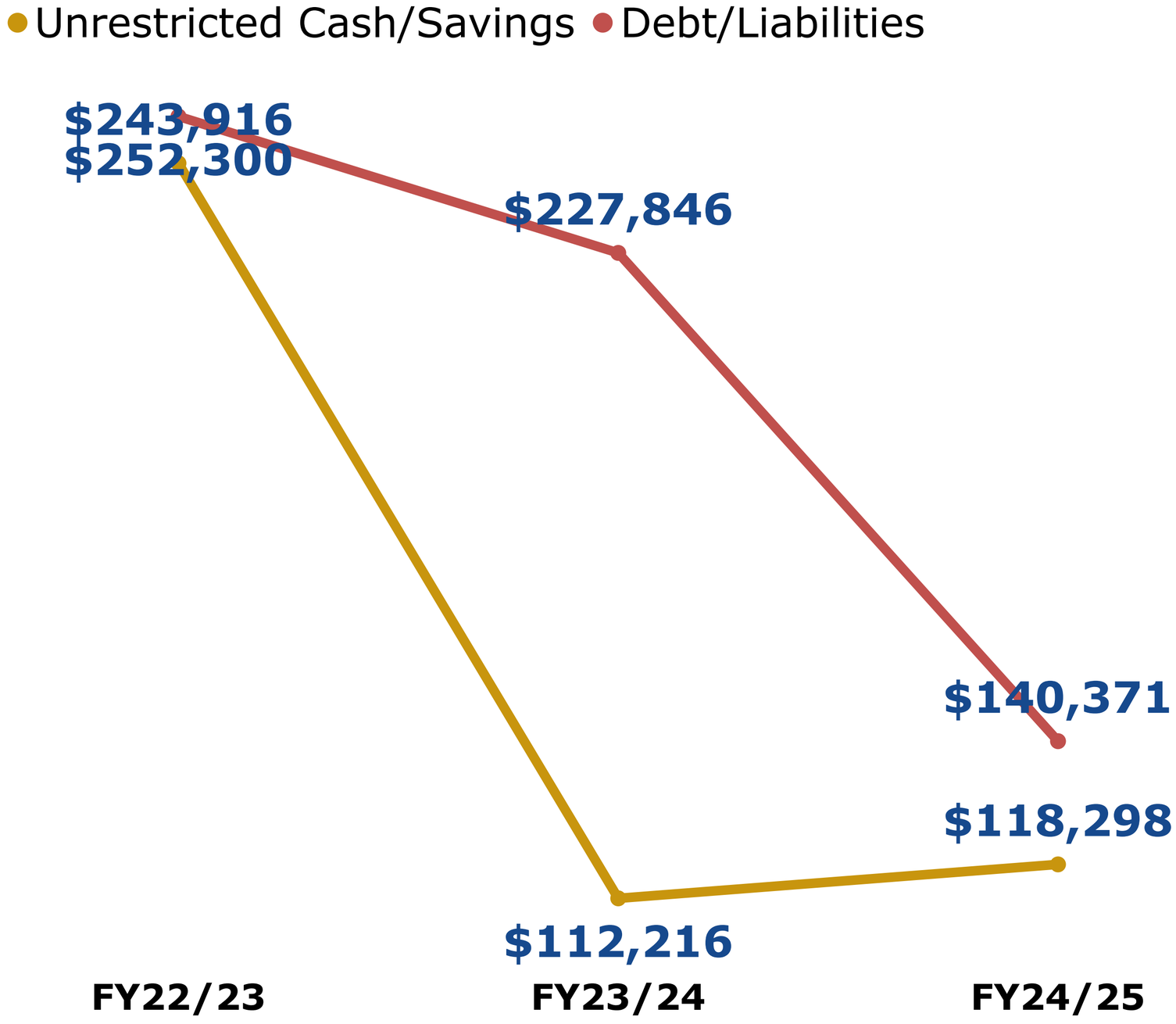
Debt going up, may mean a parish is having trouble with money or not bringing in enough cash. More debt also means more risk, especially if income isn't growing.

If debt is going down, that's usually a good sign. It means the parish is paying off what it owes and becoming more financially stable. It could also mean they're spending wisely and managing money better.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Assets and Liabilities

Relationship of Assets and Liabilities



The relationship between your Assets and Liabilities shows your net equity (net surplus/deficit) over time.

A higher **yellow** line (Unrestricted Cash/Savings) shows your parish holds more cash than you owe out.

A higher **red** line (liabilities) shows you owe more out than your parish holds in cash.

Note: Cash does not include any funds due, but not yet paid (e.g. Tuition Receivable)

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025